

Romans

The book of Romans is the longest of the Pauline epistles and contains extensive teaching on the great doctrine of salvation central to Biblical Christianity. In fact, we could say the book of Romans is the gospel taught to believers. Upon receiving Christ as Savior, it is incumbent upon every young disciple of Christ (regardless of age) to deepen his understanding of the work of Christ on the cross by which we possess a right standing with the living God.

As pointed out by various scholars, it is interesting to note the book of Romans contains about 60 quotations from the Old Testament Scriptures. This once again underscores the importance of the entire Word of God contained in both the Old and New Testaments. While we most certainly live under the New Covenant, it also follows immediately there is no way to properly understand what we possess in Christ apart from a working knowledge of Old Testament history and teaching.

Every believer needs to feed often from the rich doctrinal truths set forth in this great treatise on salvation by grace alone through faith alone in our great God and Savior Jesus Christ.

I. Major Elements of the Book of Romans

- A. The Guilt of the Gentile World: Romans 1:18-32
- B. The Like Condemnation of the Jewish World: Romans 2:1-29
- C. The Righteousness of God Apart from the Law: Romans 3:1-31
- D. Abraham—the Great Example of Justification by Faith: Romans 4:1-5:1
- E. Adam is as Real a Person as Moses: Romans 5:12-21
- F. The Believer's Relationship to Sin as a Master: Romans 6:1-23
- G. The Believer is Dead to the Law: Romans 7:1-25
- H. No Condemnation to those Who Are in Christ Jesus: Romans 8:1-39
- I. God Has Not Cast Away His People, the Jews: Romans 9:1-11:36
- J. Practical Guidance for our growth in Christ: Romans 12:1-16:27

II. Three Main Teachings from the Book of Romans

A. Foundational Verses of the book: Romans 1:16-17

Are you ashamed of the gospel? In what ways are you tempted to be ashamed of the gospel?

Note: Therein (in the gospel) is the righteousness of God revealed (v17).

B. Conclusion drawn from the truth of the Gospel (Romans 3:22-28):

Believers are justified—cleared of guilt and declared righteous in the sight of God—by faith in Christ apart from the works of the Law. (Cf. Romans 10:8-10)

C. Who can lay anything to the charge of God's elect (Romans 8:28-39)?

Who is the elect?

Conclusion

In view of all the Lord Jesus endured for our salvation every believer is compelled to present his body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is our reasonable service (Romans 12:1).