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The Book of Romans

Theme of the Book

Romans 1:16–17 (NET)
"For I am not ashamed of the gospel… For the righteousness of God is revealed in the gospel from faith to faith…"

Main idea:

- God is righteous
- man is sinful
- God provides righteousness through Christ

This matches your outline:

- problem (sin)
- solution (grace)

Week 1 – Introduction: The Gospel Revealed

Text: Romans 1:1–17

Key Points:

- The gospel is about a Person (Jesus)
- promised in the Old Testament
- centered on the resurrection

Key Verse:
Romans 1:16–17

Focus:

- what is the gospel?
- what does “from faith to faith” mean?

Discussion:

- why is Paul not ashamed?
- what is righteousness?

Week 2 – The Wrath of God: The Pagan Man

Text: Romans 1:18–32

Key Points (from your notes):

- truth is suppressed
- God is revealed in creation
- man becomes foolish

Key Verse:
Romans 1:20 (NET)
“For since the creation of the world his invisible attributes are clearly seen…”

Pattern of decline:

- thinking becomes futile
- heart darkened
- idolatry

Week 3 – The Moral Man

Text: Romans 2:1–16

Key Points:

- judging others condemns yourself
- God judges by truth

Key Verse:
Romans 2:6
“He will reward each one according to his works.”

From your notes:

- same measuring stick applies to all

Focus:

- conscience
- fairness of God

Week 4 – The Religious Man

Text: Romans 2:17–3:8

Key Points:

- religion does not save
- outward signs (like circumcision) are not enough

Key Verse:
Romans 2:29
“…circumcision is of the heart, by the Spirit…”

Focus:

- hypocrisy
- trusting in law vs obeying God

Week 5 – The Whole World Guilty

Text: Romans 3:9–20

Key Points:

- all are under sin

- no one is righteous

Key Verse:
Romans 3:23
“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Focus:

- total need for salvation

Week 6 – Justification by Grace

Text: Romans 3:21–31

Key Points (central section):

- righteousness apart from law
- justified by grace

Key Verse:
Romans 3:24–25
“But they are justified freely by his grace…”

From your notes:

- God is both just and justifier

Week 7 – Abraham and Faith

Text: Romans 4

Key Points:

- Abraham justified by faith
- not by works

Key Verse:
Romans 4:3
“Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

Focus:

- faith before law
- promise vs performance

Week 8 – Peace and Hope

Text: Romans 5

Key Points:

- peace with God
- grace reigns

Key Verse:
Romans 5:8
“But God demonstrates his own love for us…”

Compare:

- Adam vs Christ

Week 9 – Freedom from Sin

Text: Romans 6

Key Points:

- dead to sin
- alive to God

Key Verse:
Romans 6:4
“…we too may live a new life.”

Focus:

- baptism and new life
- obedience matters

Week 10 – The Struggle and the Spirit

Text: Romans 7–8

Key Points:

- struggle with sin (ch. 7)
- life in the Spirit (ch. 8)

Key Verse:
Romans 8:1
“There is therefore now no condemnation…”

And:
Romans 8:11 – Spirit gives life

Week 11 – God’s Plan for Israel

Text: Romans 9–11

Key Points (your outline: HOPE):

- past: chosen
- present: remnant
- future: restoration

Key Verse:
Romans 11:22
“Notice therefore the kindness and harshness of God…”

Focus:

- sovereignty

- mercy

Week 12 – Christian Living (Love in Action)

Text: Romans 12–16

Key Points (your outline: LOVE):

- practical living
- serving others
- unity in the church

Key Verse:
Romans 12:1
“Present your bodies as a living sacrifice…”

Also:
Romans 13:10 – love fulfills the law

Big Structure

This is the backbone of the course:

- **Ch. 1–3 → Sin (all guilty)**
- **Ch. 4–8 → Salvation (by faith)**
- **Ch. 9–11 → Hope (God’s plan)**
- **Ch. 12–16 → Love (practical life)**
