



BIB 377 - 3 credits

## Romans

### Description:

An in-depth study of the letter from the Apostle Paul to the Romans. We will analyze successive passages in detail, discovering how each paragraph fits into the overall goal of the book. We will first observe what each passage says, then interpret what it means. Finally, we will apply the truth to effectively change our lives.

### Texts:

*LifeChange: Romans* NavPress

[A note about LifeChange books: If you have taken courses in other colleges, you may be surprised and even offended by the texts we have chosen for our intensive book studies. College texts are usually thick, hard-cover, weighty tomes, full of the revelation that others have received from their careful study the Scripture. Our preference is that you study God's Word for yourself and receive revelation yourself directly from the author, the Holy Spirit. Others' works should be used for historical, language, and cultural insights and confirmation of what you have received.

The LifeChange series by NavPress is an outstanding example of the Lamad method of learning. (See the CLU catalog for a further description of "lamad learning".) The books are short because they contain only the questions that guide your personal study of the Bible, with some background information. As you answer the questions, you will progress from a careful examination of what the passage says to interpreting what it means and finally to prayerfully discovering how it is to affect your life. Your personal notebook of truth you have discovered in answering the questions will be longer than the "course text" and will be your personal record of revelation knowledge. Take your time, answering every question carefully and thoroughly, and I guarantee you will have a greater understanding and appreciation of the biblical text than you would if you devoted your time to the study of a "college text".]

Several translations of the Bible; one of them should be the New International Version since that is the translation used by the authors of the text

A complete concordance such as Young's or Strong's

You may want to use a commentary on the book of Romans to confirm or adjust your insights and explain anything not clear to you. There are several recommended, beginning on page 209 of the text. If you choose to use such a commentary, be sure to turn to it only after you have done your own careful study of the Scripture itself under the illumination of the Holy Spirit. Do not depend on it as your primary source of biblical knowledge!

### Objectives

#### Academic:

- You will quote the following passages:
  - ✓ Romans 1:16, 17.
  - ✓ Romans 3:23, 24
  - ✓ Romans 5:8
  - ✓ Romans 6:22, 23
  - ✓ Romans 8:1-39
  - ✓ Romans 10:9, 10.
  - ✓ Romans 12:1, 2
  
- You will state the definition of the following terms:
  - ✓ grace
  - ✓ salvation/righteousness
  - ✓ justification/redemption
  - ✓ reconciliation
  - ✓ hope
  - ✓ transgression
  - ✓ old self or old man/body of sin
  - ✓ condemnation
  - ✓ mystery
  - ✓ submit

- You will be able to state the author, purpose, theme, and approximate date of writing of the letter to the Romans.
- You will be able to state the two reasons why the letter to the Romans is such an important book.
- You will be able to discuss the contrast between the “life according to the flesh” and “life according to the Spirit”.
- You will be able to discuss what God has done and what we must do to become free of the law of sin in our lives.
- You will be able to discuss the purposes and characteristics of God which guide His sovereign decisions.
- You will be able to discuss how the sovereignty of God as revealed in the history of Israel demonstrates that the children of the promise are the ones considered Abraham’s offspring, and the covenant is for spiritual rather than physical children of Abraham.
- You will be able to discuss the mystery revealed in Romans.
- You will be able to discuss at least ten practical expressions of our sincere love.
- You will be able to discuss the Christian’s responsibility to civil government and the reasons for this.
- You will be able to discuss the overriding principles that should guide our actions on issues over which Christians are divided in their convictions.

#### **Attitudinal:**

- You will reckon or count yourself dead to sin but alive to God.
- You will honor all authority in your life as being established by God.
- You will honor the convictions of your brothers and sisters, even when they are different from your.

#### **Behavioral:**

- You will live a life of victory over sin through the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.
- You will present your body as a living sacrifice to God.
- You will express the sincere love of God in innumerable ways through your life.

## **Standards for Grading Assignments**

As indicated below, “C” or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least “B” (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a “B”.

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, CLU is training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- “D”
  - Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
  - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- “C”
  - Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
  - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- “B”
  - Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
  - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- “A”
  - Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
  - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

- You will submit to the authority in your life as you submit to God.
- You will walk in love before your brothers and sisters, doing nothing that may cause them to stumble in their faith.

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### Course requirements:

1. Complete all of the questions and activities in the LifeChange: Romans text. None of them are optional for this course. Write the answers to all questions, including the Optional Applications, For Thought and Discussion, and For Further Study questions on separate paper and put them in the "Exercises" section of this Student Notebook so they can be submitted to your instructor at the end of the course. It is not necessary for you to read the sections "For the Group" unless you are doing the study with others.

You will be asked to outline each section as it is studied. You will want to set this outline apart from the rest of the questions so that when you have finished the course, you will have an original, usable outline of the book.

In some lessons, the text will suggest that you select verses to memorize. In addition, the Course Schedule will include verses for memorization each week,

as well as an extensive passage as indicated below. It is preferred that you memorize the verses noted in the Course Schedule rather than those recommended in the text. However, if the Holy Spirit quickens it to your heart that He wants you to hide a different verse in your heart, by all means be obedient to that leading. Simply write a note indicating this on your tests and write the verses that God has laid on your heart. (This refers only to the weekly one or two verses. Everyone is required to memorize the passage as indicated in #4 below.)

2. Complete all Self-Tests at the end of each lesson. These may be done with open book.
3. Earn at least a "B" on Test One and the Final Exam (not "Self-Tests"). These are not open-book tests. The objectives are your key to success on these tests.
4. Memorize Romans 8:1-39. This will be presented to your instructor in your final lesson. At that time, you may present it either orally via audio or video cassette, or by writing it out.

All Self-Tests and Tests on this passage are based on the NIV, since that is the version used in the text. You are encouraged to memorize the NIV, however other translations will be accepted.





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# Course Schedule

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### Lesson One

#### Assignment to be completed:

Read pages 5 - 14 of *LifeChange: Romans*, including "How to Use This Study," and the "Background".

Complete Lesson 1 of *LifeChange: Romans*, answering all questions, Optional Applications, For Thought and Discussion, and For Further Study sections in your Student Notebook.

Memorize Romans 1:16 and Romans 8:1-3.

Take and correct Self-Test One. The purpose of the Self-Tests is to clarify and reinforce the course objectives. These self-tests may be taken with open book if necessary.

#### Subjects to be explored:

Paul and Rome

Overview

#### Related objectives:

- You will be able to state the two reasons why the letter to the Romans is such an important book.
- You will be able to state the author, purpose, and approximate date of writing of the letter to the Romans.
- You will be able to quote Romans 1:16, 17.
- You will be able to state the definition of "grace".

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### Lesson Two

#### Assignment to be completed:

Complete Lessons 2 and 3 of *Romans*.

Memorize Romans 1:16, 17 and Romans 8:4-6.

Take and correct Self-Test Two.

#### Subjects to be explored:

Introduction

The Wrath of God

#### Related objectives:

- You will be able to quote Romans 1:16, 17.
- You will be able to state a definition of "salvation".
- You will be able to state a definition of "righteousness".
- You will be able to state the theme of the book of Romans.

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### Lesson Three

#### Assignment to be completed:

Complete Lesson 4 and 5 of *Romans*.

Memorize Romans 3:23, 24 and Romans 8:1-9.

Take and correct Self-Test Three.

#### Subjects to be explored:

God's Standards

Bad News/Good News

#### Related objectives:

- You will be able to state the definition of "justification".
- You will be able to quote Romans 3:23, 24.
- You will be able to give a definition of "redemption".