

God's Masterwork, Volume Six

Letters to God's People — A Survey of Romans – Philemon

Romans: Cornerstone of Christian Truth
A SURVEY OF ROMANS



The Heart of the Matter

This letter, possibly more than any other book of the Bible, is the instrument God has used to save the souls and shape the minds of Christianity's "giants," such as Chrysostom, Luther, and Barnhouse. This treatise on Christianity has influenced theologians and laypeople alike.

As we explore the deep, rich mine of God's truth in Romans, we do so with great gratitude to Him who led Paul to write these words. Like no other book of the Bible, Romans forms the doctrinal cornerstone of Christianity. Because it touches on every major belief of Christianity, it is foundational to our faith.



Discovering the Way

1. General Information about the New Testament Letters

The New Testament letters were written by six different people.

	Paul	James	Peter	John	Jude	Anonymous
Number of Books						
Number of Chapters						

2. Specific Explanation about the Letter to the Romans (Romans 1:18–32; 3:9–18; 5:1–2; 8:31–39; 11:33–34; 12:1–2; 15:4–7)

Before we dig into Romans, let's clarify some key information: the writer of the letter and when he wrote it, the theme and purpose of Romans, and why Christians need to study this letter.

3. Several Applications of Romans for Today

If you need reality, read Romans 1. If you need a standard, read Romans 2–5. If you need understanding, read Romans 6–8. If you need clarification, read Romans 9–11. If you need love and encouragement, read Romans 12–16.

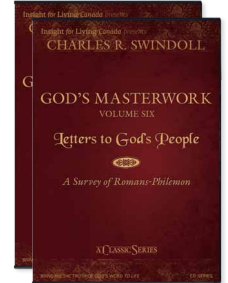


Starting Your Journey

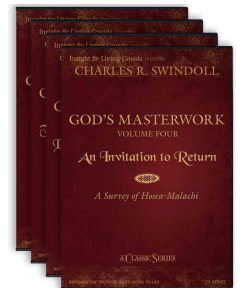
Romans explains the fundamental role of faith in the believer's life. Abraham believed God's promise, and God considered Abraham righteous. Through faith in Jesus Christ, believers receive justification—a "not guilty" verdict by God. Do you believe this? If so, thank God for His grace.



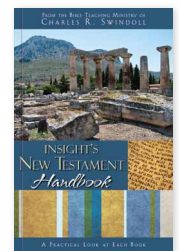
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ROMANS

	Saving the Sinner <u>Depravity of humanity</u> <u>Grace of God</u> <u>Justification by faith</u> <u>Sanctification through the Spirit</u> <u>Security of the saint</u> <i>CHAPTERS</i> 1:18–8:39	THE GOSPEL Concerning Israel <u>Divine sovereignty and human will</u> Past, present, and future <u>of the nation</u> <i>CHAPTERS</i> 9–11	Concerning Christian Conduct <u>Social</u> <u>Civil</u> <u>Personal</u> <i>CHAPTERS</i> 12:1–15:13
Emphasis	Doctrinal	National	Practical
Response	Faith	Hope	Love
Doctrine of God	Wrath	Righteousness	Glory Grace
Doctrine of Humanity	Fallen	Dead	Saved Struggling Freed
Doctrine of Sin	Exposed	Conquered	Explained Forgiven
Scope	Dead in sin	Dead to sin	Peace with God Love for others
Theme	God's righteousness is given to those who put their faith in Jesus Christ.		
Key Verses	1:16–17		
Christ in Romans	Jesus is the focus of the gospel and the means of salvation by God's grace apart from works (1:1–4, 16–17).		

Introduction — Personal (1:1–17)

Conclusion — Relational (15:14–16:27)

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