

Women & More

Remembering Romans

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When Paul penned his letter to the Church in Rome, he had a theme: *righteousness*—something human beings don't naturally have. He wanted them and us to know that **God's grace offers His own righteousness** to the unrighteous! Paul was living proof of God's great grace! FYI: Tertius was Paul's pen (16:22), and Phoebe (16:1) is credited with delivering this letter.

Before he died, Pastor Adrian Rogers said that when he gets to heaven
he wants to sit at the feet of the Apostle Paul
and hear him recite the Book of Romans...again!

"The gospel—grace—was invented by God long before He created those on whom it
would need to fall.

"Who knew better than Paul just how good the good news really was?"

John MacArthur, Jr.

Question: Why did Paul write Romans 8?

Answer: Because he had written Romans 7!"

J. I. Packer

Prepare by Soaking in Scripture:

Psalm 14:2-3 "*The LORD looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, any who seek God. Write out verse 3.*"

Psalm 53:4

Ecclesiastes 7:20

Isaiah 64:6

Romans 1:6

Romans 2:4

Scripture to Memorize:

Romans 1:7b (addressing Romans then and us today) "*Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*"

NOTES on Speaking Session:**Questions for Mentor-group Discussion:**

1. Is there a chance that we are the ‘one’ exception to “*all have sinned and come short*” (Romans 3:23)—that God somehow overlooked our goodness, our sinless state? **Romans 3:10-12** answers that with an 8-fold indictment of every one who has ever lived. Read the passage and fill in the blanks (using **no one, one, All, or altogether**).

10 “As it is written (quoting **Psalm 14:2-3**, Ecclesiastes 7:20 and Isaiah 64:6)—

‘There is 1) _____ **righteous**, 2) **not even** _____;

11 there is 3) _____ **who understands**,

4) _____ **who seeks God**.

12 5) _____ **have turned away**; they have

6) _____ **become worthless**; there is

7) _____ **who does good**, 8) **not even** _____.”

2. Just before the indictment, Paul had already posed the question and given the answer in **Romans 3:9** “*What shall we conclude then? Are we any better? Not at all! We have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin.*” **We are belaboring the point that we are all sinners because only sinners need grace!** Do you agree or disagree with that statement? Explain.

3. Read **Romans 7** about **what the ‘Law’ is**; what it is **supposed to do** and what it is **not meant to do**. Check a few reasons listed below why chapter 8 is so wonderful for believers.

- no condemnation
- set free from sin and death
- hostile to God
- minds set on what the Spirit desires
- controlled by the sinful nature
- we are God’s children
- heirs of God
- co-heirs with Christ
- the Spirit helps us in our weakness
- the Spirit intercedes for the saints
- and...then there is **Romans 8:28!**

Recommended Reading:

The MacArthur New Testament Commentary Romans 1-8, John MacArthur, Jr.

Thank God I am Free, Free, Free!

I

For a long time I traveled
Down a long lonely road
My heart was so heavy in sin I sank low.
Then I heard about Jesus,
What a wonderful hour.
I'm so glad that I found out
He would bring me out through His saving power!

II

Like a bird out of prison
That's taking its flight,
Like a blind man that God gave back his sight.
Like the poor wretched beggar
that's found fortune and fame.
I'm so glad that I found out
He would bring me out through His Holy Name!

Chorus

Thank God I am free, free, free,
From this world of sin;
Been washed in the blood of Jesus
Been born again.
Hallelujah I'm **saved, saved, saved,**
by His wonderful grace.
I'm so glad that I found out
He would bring me out and show me the way!

—Noel Bowe