

# **Romans 1-6 Bible Studies**

## **St Andrews, Roseville (2024)**

Welcome to the book of Romans.

Our series goals are (1) To grow in our appreciation of God's gracious gospel solution to our biggest problem, (2) To respond in joyful trust and obedience, and (3) To be freshly convicted of the need to share the good news of Jesus with the people around us.

### **STUDY 1: Romans 1:1-17**

#### **For Starters**

- When and in what sense are you tempted to be ashamed of the gospel?
  
- When you think about the gospel, or share it with others, what sorts of things do you emphasise and what sorts of things do you not emphasise?

#### **Read 1:1-4**

- List as many things as you can about the gospel.

#### **Explore** (If you have time to go a bit deeper)

- What is the promise about this future son, and when is it fulfilled?
  - o 2 Samuel 7:12-14
  
  - o Psalm 2:6-12
  
  - o Acts 2:29-36
  
  - o Acts 13:32-34 (Rom1:1-4)
  
- As we explain the gospel, we should not only say that 'Jesus died for your sins', but also that 'Jesus is your rightful King'. Do you agree? Why?

#### **Read 1:5-6**

- What are the world-wide implications of the gospel and why? (Also 16:26)

#### **Read 1:7-13**

- Why does Paul want a face-to-face visit with them?

- How often do you sense the need for face-to-face fellowship? What frequency do you think is optimal?

**Read 1:14-17**

- Why is Paul not ashamed? Where is his confidence?

**Apply**

- With this truth in mind, how would you counsel someone who said,
  - o “Our strategy, systems, and structures must be world class if we are going to reach the people of the North Shore with the gospel!”
  - o “I don’t like sharing the gospel because people often don’t want to hear it”
  - o “I don’t feel that I’m a good enough Christian to talk about Jesus with people, I’ll leave it to the godly people”
- What is one step you can take towards sharing the gospel with someone?
- Start (or continue) praying for at least 1 (perhaps 2 or 3) Non-Christian persons in your life. Pray that God would give you an opportunity to point to Jesus in some way. Pray that God would have mercy on them. Pray that God would help you not to be ashamed of the gospel, and give you love and boldness.

## STUDY 2: Romans 1:18-32

### For Starters

- What would you say to someone who denied that they were sinful?

### Read 1:16-18

- How does v18 fit with what has just been said (v16-17)?

### Read 1:18-23

- What is the flow of thought in these verses? What point (or points) is Paul trying to establish?
  
- With this passage in mind, what would you say to the question, "What about those who have never heard?"

### Read 1:22-28

- How does God's wrath express itself in the present? (v18 'is being revealed'). Can you discern a repeated pattern (something we do and something God does in response)?
  
- What might it mean that God 'gave them over' to various sins?

★ On the question of homosexual expression, please see <https://www.livingout.org>. This is a resource put together by Christians who experience same sex attraction.

### Read 1:28-32

- Have you observed or experienced sins inbuilt negative consequences? How does each sin over-promise and under-deliver?
  - Greed
  - Gossip
  - Anger
  - Lying
  
- In what sense is acknowledging one's sinfulness liberating?
  
- Pray together, confessing our need for God's mercy! (Among other things).