

Paul's Letter to the Romans: An Overview

Student Outline

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I. OUTLINE OF ROMANS

A. Chapters 1-8

1. Sin (1:1-3:20)
 - a. Jews are no better than _____, Gentiles are not better than _____.
2. Justification (3:21-5:21)
 - a. Jew and Gentile can get right with God and both are “_____” in the same way—by _____.
3. Licence and legalism (6-7)
 - a. Gentiles were prone to _____ and Jews were prone to _____.
 - b. Chapter 6: Paul deals with licence—reminds them that when they were _____ they recognized that sin had no more _____ over them.
 - c. Chapter 7: Paul deals with legalism as it relates to his own difficulties in _____ the _____ — especially the command not to _____.
4. Liberty (8)
 - a. Paul writes about the liberty of the _____ and explains how it _____ both Jew and Gentile.

B. Chapters 9-11

1. The discussion about the place of the _____ is crucial to the whole letter.
 - a. The Gentiles were tempted to think that they were the _____, having _____ the Jewish people, who were now out of God’s purposes.

C. Chapters 12-16

1. Deals with practical areas of _____, but focuses on those issues that will cause tension between _____ and _____ believers.
 - a. Food
 - b. Observing a special day in the week

II. ISRAEL IN PAUL'S THEOLOGY

- A. Israel's _____ selection (Chapter 9)
1. Paul expresses his deep sadness for his people.
 2. Paul uses examples from Israel's history to illustrate God's special selection of Israel:
 - a. Ishmael and Isaac
 - b. Jacob and Esau
 - c. Moses and Pharaoh
 - d. Gentiles and Jews
 3. Summary of Paul's teaching on predestination.
- B. Israel's _____ stubbornness (Romans 10)
1. On the human side we have a responsibility to live in a right relationship with God; but we have two choices:
 - a. W_____ (the Law)—Trust by the _____.
 - b. W_____ (the Gospel)—Trust in the _____.
- C. Israel's _____ salvation (Romans 11)
1. God has always preserved a _____.
 2. It is true that _____ Jews have been hardened, but this does not mean that the people as a whole have fallen _____.
 3. Therefore, Gentiles should not be _____ about their welcome into the covenant people of God.

III. SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

- A. Summary of Romans
1. Prologue – Paul's message – from _____ to _____
 2. Saved in the same way
 - a. R_____ from God
 - i. Judgment for the _____ under _____
 - ii. Justification for the _____ through _____
 - b. R_____ through Christ
 - i. Death as sin's _____ — he died for sinners
 - ii. Dominion of sin's _____ — we died to sin

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- c. R_____ in the Holy Spirit
 - i. Bondage of _____ in the _____ — defeat and despair
 - ii. Freedom of _____ in the _____ — conquest and confidence
- 3. Belong to the same God
 - a. In the past Israel was _____
 - b. In the present Israel is _____
 - c. In the future Israel will be _____
- 4. Live in the same world
 - a. Their _____ bearing—in service and suffering
 - b. Their _____ behavior—in state and society
 - c. Their _____ brotherhood—in scruples and song
- 5. Epilogue — Paul’s method — W _____, S _____, and D _____
- 6. Individual greetings.

B. Conclusion

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