

Upcoming Events that are noteworthy

8/1

TOUCH A TRUCK

8/2

PROMOTION SUNDAY

8/10

JOYFUL NOISE

8/11

SEW & KNIT

8/12

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES BEGIN

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Aug 19 Marty

8/13

IGNITE MEN'S DINNER★

8/14 & 8/15

PLACE WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

8/23

ALL THE PRAISE NIGHT OF WORSHIP★

8/29

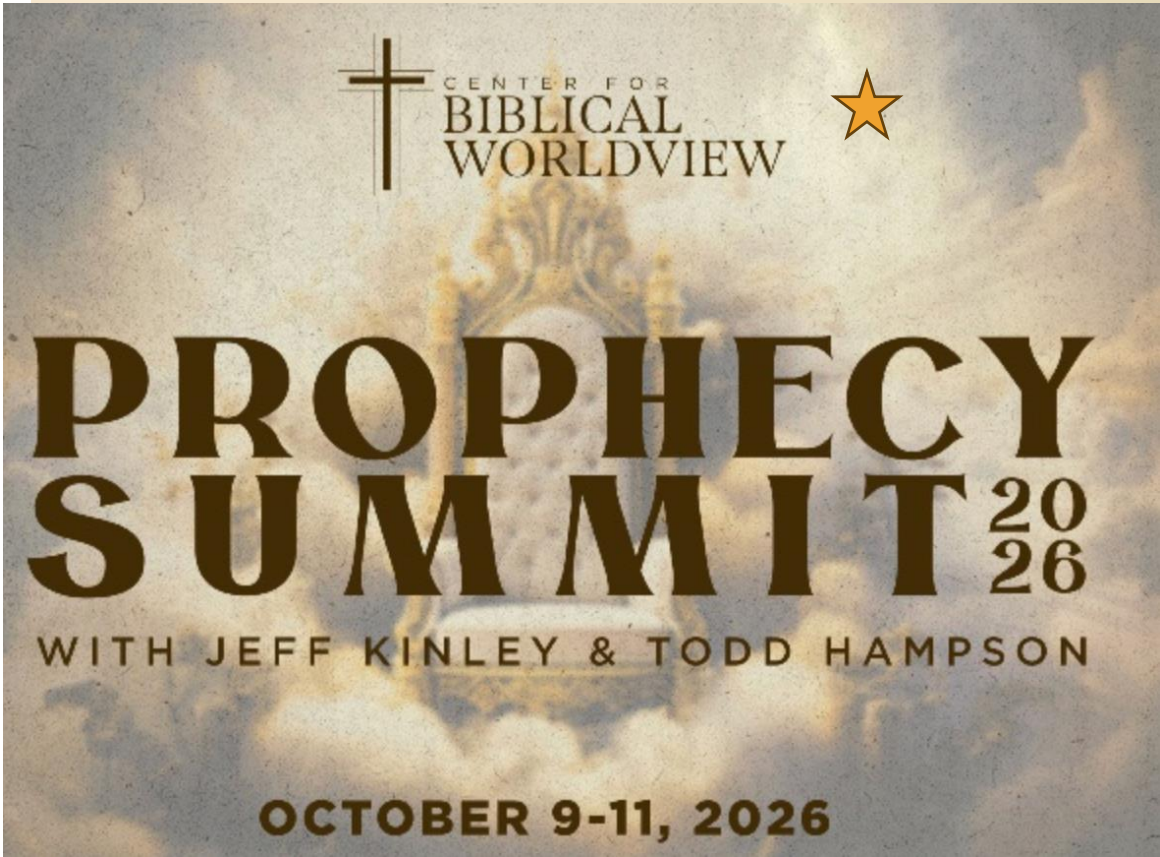
MIDDLE SCHOOL ONE DAY

8/30

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

8/30

KEN BOA ECHOES OF THE CREATOR★



[Prophecy Summit Registration](#)



Logos Class

Book of Romans Ch 3

Class for Aug 23, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *July 26, 2026* *Book of Romans, Intro and Ch 1A*
- ✓ *Aug 2, 2026.* *Romans Ch 1B*
- ✓ *Aug 9, 2026* *Romans Ch 2*
- ✓ *Aug 16, 2026.* *Andy Kumar teaching for me*
- ✓ *Aug 23, 2026* *Romans Ch 3*
-  *Aug 28, 2026.* *Ice Cream Social at the Steinke's*
- *Aug 30, 2026.* *Romans Ch 4*
- *Sept 6, 2026* *Romans Ch 5*

Quick Update .../CYMI

Middle East

- Ceasefire between Hamas / Israel/ US – many issues but a positive
- Some new talk about another deal with Iran...remains to be seen

US/World

- The Russia-Ukraine war is going nowhere towards an end. NK sending troops
- Russia sending military weapons parts to Iran via the Black Sea
- Cozy relations/arms between Russia, Turkey, Iran, and China troubling but prophetic
- Earthquakes, Floods, volcanic eruptions, famine, and disease. Wars and rumors of wars. California fault lines are under the most pressure in hundreds of years
- Many signs of the Tribulation are appearing with more frequency

Natural Disasters, Isolation of Israel, Antisemitism, Apostasy in the church, Peace in

Israel to presage the Antichrist, Scoffers of Prophecy, and deniers of God. Time of Noah

and time of Lot prophecies—continuation of the Aliyah to Israel. Isolation of Israel, and

end-time coalitions forming. Christian Apostasy and Lack of Unity. One World Religion. Rise of Islam.

Substantial European acts to move away from Western values and embrace one-world ideas.

Remember, Israel is God's timepiece for the End of Time. Israel is the hour hand, Jerusalem is the minute hand, and the Temple Mount is the second hand

KEY SECTIONS & TOPICS IN THE BOOK OF ROMANS



SIN

Chapters 1–3:20

ALL HUMANITY STANDS CONDEMNED BEFORE GOD

GENTILES:
Suppressed knowledge in nature/conscience

JEWS:
Failed God's standard despite religious privileges



SALVATION

Chapters 3:21–5:21

GOD'S PROVISION
through **JUSTIFICATION**

OPERATES THROUGH:
GRACE (The Source)
BLOOD (The Basis)
FAITH (The Condition)

ABRAHAM:
Justification by Faith example (Ch. 4)
ADAM & CHRIST:
Contrasted righteousness imputation (Ch. 5)



SANCTIFICATION

Chapters 6–8

BELIEVERS ARE DEAD TO SIN'S PRINCIPLE

IDENTIFICATION WITH CHRIST
is basis for life

HOLY SPIRIT'S EMPOWERING WORK

GLORIFICATION:
Future conformity to Christ



SOVEREIGNTY

Chapters 9–11

DEFENDING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

GOD'S CHOICE OF ISRAEL

COMPASSION FOR JEWS & GENTILES

ABIDING PLAN FOR ISRAEL



SERVICE

Chapters 12–16

THEOLOGY TO PRACTICE

SPIRITUAL GIFTS

LOVE & UNITY
among believers

SUBMISSION TO AUTHORITY

LIVING SACRIFICE

Quick Recap of Chapters 1 & 2

Romans 1: The Gospel's Power and Universal Judgment on Evil Time

Paul opens by declaring the gospel is God's saving power for everyone who believes — and it exposes His wrath against ungodliness.

Creation makes God plain, so no one has an excuse; people trade His glory for idols.

Romans 2: The Hypocrisy of Moral Judgment

Paul shifts focus to those who condemn others while committing the very same things...the Jews among them

God judges by truth, works, and the light received — the inward life over outward observance.

The Unifying Theme

These chapters speak to universal sin, and that the law exists to expose it.

No one is righteous — which is exactly why the gospel is necessary.

What are the key takeaways from Rom Ch 2?

- *Don't judge others for doing what you do yourself—you condemn yourself in the process.*
- *Don't assume God's patience means you'll escape judgment; a hard heart stores up His wrath.*
- *God rewards those who do "good" with eternal life and punishes those who do evil with wrath.*
- *God shows no favoritism—this applies equally to Jews and Greeks. (Gentiles)*
- *Knowing the law doesn't make you righteous; only doing it does. Likewise, knowing Scripture does not make you a faithful follower. (Satan knows the Law)*
- *Even without the written law, people have God's law written on their hearts through conscience.*

Before we start Chapter 3, a few things to know

- *Remember, Paul is a pacer. He walks around speaking straight from his active mind and leaves the scribe to get it all down.*
- *This Ch 3 style of writing appears complex, but here is the key to understanding what Paul is doing*
 - *He is arguing with an imaginary opponent. He proposes something, then has a counter argument, finally he answers the counterargument*
 - *Paul's mind has set up an imaginary situation where he makes great points about the differences between the Jews and the Gentiles*
 - *In most of the NT letters, we only hear one side of a discussion and are left to try and figure out the problem the writer is addressing. Here the arguments and counterarguments are stated in full.*

Romans 3:1-5 God's Righteousness Upheld

3 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision?

2 Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles (logia or commandments) of God.

3 What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God?

4 By no means! Let God be true though every one (else) were a liar, as it is written,

*“That you may be justified in your words,
and prevail when you are judged.” (Ps 51:4b)*

5 But if our unrighteousness serves to show the righteousness of God, what shall we say? That God is unrighteous to inflict wrath on us? (I speak in a human way.)

Romans 3:6-8 Yeah, but...

⁶ ***By no means!** For then how could God judge the world? (good Q)*

⁷ ***But if** through my lie, God's truth abounds to his glory, why am I still being condemned as a sinner?*

⁸ *And why not do evil that good may come?—as some people slanderously charge us with saying. Their condemnation is just.*

A clearer translation of v8, to highlight the contrasts, might go:

“Are you going to argue--just as some slanderously suggest—that we should do evil so good could come from it? Anyone can see that statements like that merit nothing but condemnation.”

Romans 3:1-8 Final Thoughts...

- *Paul never forgot the faithful remnant of Israel* – not all were following the path of the Judaizers. He was quite sure that this small remnant was the true Jews who were following their calling from God.
- *Paul was also sure that the door to the Jews was not closed*, and by opening the door to the Gentiles, God would plan to use them to evangelize the Jews back to Him. Instead of the Jews evangelizing the Gentiles, it was to work the opposite way, and still is today

Two great truths are revealed:

1. *The root of all sin is disobedience*. For the Jews, it was the disobedience to the known laws of God. ***If there were no disobedience, there would be no sin.***
2. *Once a person has sinned, we possess incredible ingenuity to justify our sin*. When we sin, our need is ***not*** for ingenuity, but for genuine repentance and confession of our sin. ***Acceptance of sin and the need for a savior are critical***

Romans 3:9-18.

No one...not one

⁹ *What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin,*

¹⁰ **as it is written:** *“None is righteous, no, not one;*

¹¹ *no one understands; no one seeks for God.*

¹² *All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”*

¹³ *“Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.”*

“The venom of asps is under their lips.”

¹⁴ *“Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.”*

¹⁵ *“Their feet are swift to shed blood;*

¹⁶ *in their paths are ruin and misery,*

¹⁷ *and the way of peace they have not known.”*

¹⁸ *“There is no fear of God before their eyes.”*

Characteristics of Life without Christ

Ignorant, Indifferent, Crooked, Worthless

Tongue that is deceitful, destructive, malignant

Conduct: oppressive, injurious, impossible to please

Romans 3:11-18. *As it is written... (A Catena)*

Psalm 14:2–3 — “The LORD looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God... They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.”

Ecclesiastes 7:20 — “Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins.”

Psalm 5:9 — “For there is no truth in their mouth; their inmost self is destruction; their throat is an open grave; they flatter with their tongue.”

Psalm 140:3 — “They make their tongue sharp as a serpent's, and under their lips is the venom of asps.”

Psalm 10:7 — “His mouth is filled with cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue are mischief and iniquity.”

Isaiah 59:7–8 — “Their feet run to evil, and they are swift to shed innocent blood... The way of peace they do not know, and there is no justice in their paths.”

Psalm 36:1 — “There is no fear of God before his eyes.”



Paul weaves these passages together to construct a comprehensive indictment of human depravity drawn entirely from Scripture itself. (while pacing around)

Romans 3:19-20. Accountable, and judged

¹⁹ Now we know that **whatever the law says...** it **speaks to those who are under the law**, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the **whole world may be held accountable to God**.

²⁰ For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

- *Grace alone, through Christ Alone...no works*
- *The Law makes those under it aware of their sins...and need for a Savior*

As Christians, we are not under the Law

Romans 3:21-26. *The **GIFT** of Grace*

²¹ ***But now*** the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—

²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for **all** who believe. For there is no distinction:

²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

²⁵ whom **God put forward** as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

²⁶ It was to **show his righteousness** at the present time, so that he **might be (both the) just and the justifier** of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Romans 3:27-31

²⁷ Then what becomes of our boasting? *It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? **No**, but by **the law of faith**.*

²⁸ For *we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.*

²⁹ Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? *Yes, of Gentiles also,*

³⁰ since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

³¹ Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? *By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.*

This verse ends Romans Ch 3, but the chapters and verses are added by editors, and many ideas cross chapters, let's look at Ch 4...

Romans 4:1-3 What about Abraham then?

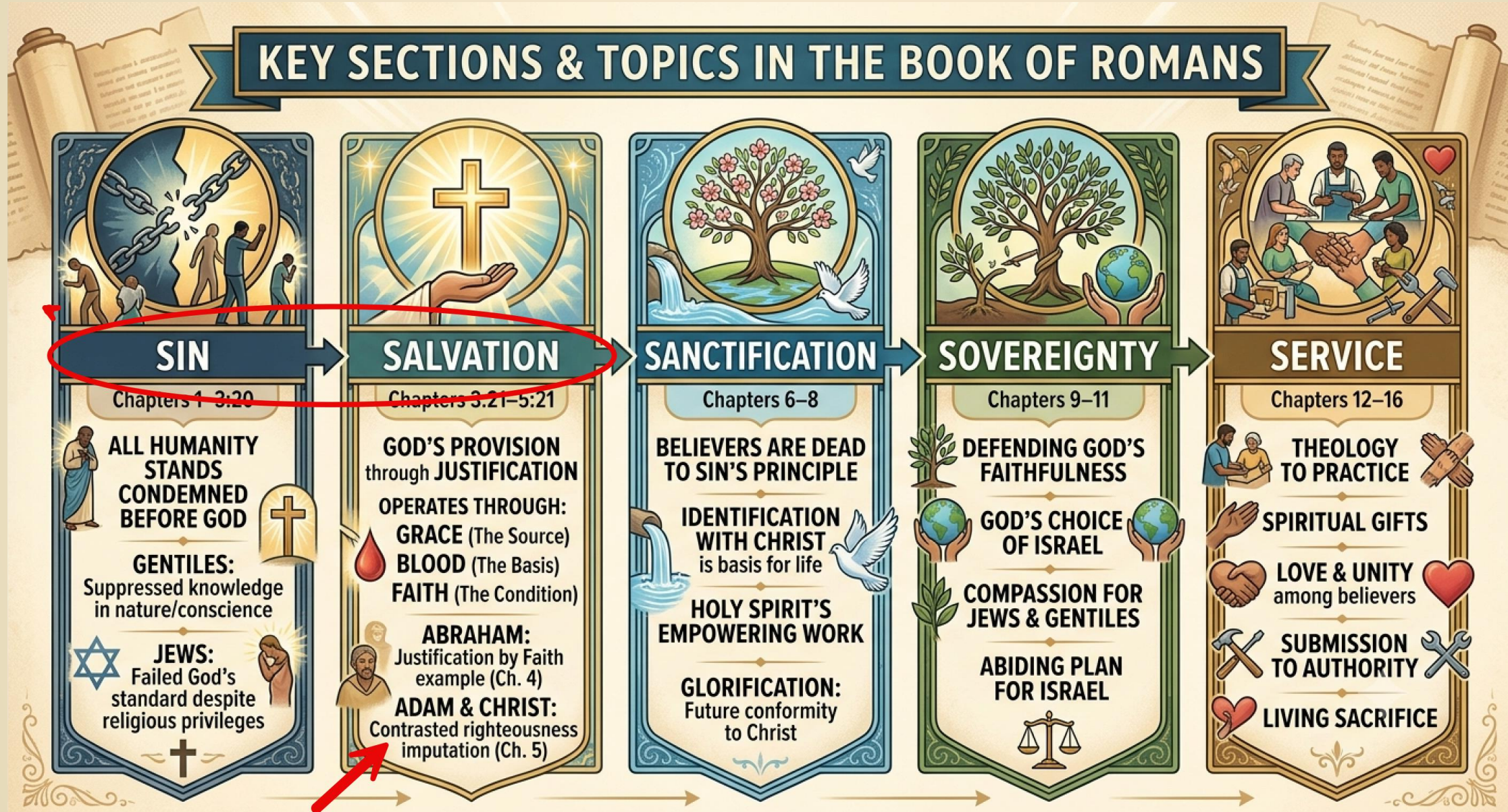
4 What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh?

2 For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God.

3 For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.”

We will pick up right here next week

We move into a new section next week



Next week

*We will pick up where we left off; **Read Romans Ch 4***

Come to the Ice Cream Social...

➤ *Pray for our Nation and its leaders*

- *Pray for both the Iranian War and the Russia/Ukraine wars to come to an end*
- *Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and Peace for Israel*

➤ *Our State and its Leaders, and the elections to come, for God to give us Godly leaders*

➤ *Our Church, the Pastors and Leaders*

➤ *Pray for the needs of our class members and families*

Thank God for his mercy and grace for each of us as we struggle with life