



Logos Class

Book of Romans Ch 9

Class for Oct 4, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

Before we get started

Pray for Randy as he ministers in Guatemala

Pray for

- *Dorothy Buchwald's Family*
- *Bill Surls*
- *Tina Schwartz*
- *Cliff and Mary Lundstrom*
- *Bill and Treva Minor*
- *Marlene and Don Moers*
- *All the other items in the prayer list*

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

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| ✓ Sept 6, 2026 | Romans Ch 5 |
| ✓ Sept 13, 2026 | Romans Ch 6 |
| ✓ Sept 20, 2026 | Romans Ch 7 |
| ✓ Sept 27, 2026 | Romans Ch 8 |
| ✓ Oct 4, 2026.
→ Oct 9, 10, 11 | Romans Ch 9, Church 30 th Anniv
Prophecy Conference |
| • Oct 11, 2026 | Romans Ch 10, Dorothy's Celebration |
| • Oct 18, 2026 | Romans Ch 11 |

Calendar note: Logos Class Christmas Party – Hold Dec 12

Quick Update ...ICYMI

Middle East

- *Ceasefire between Hamas / Israel/ US – Israel is still trying to get Hamas to disarm; not happening yet*
- *Major progress in clearing Hezbollah strongholds in Lebanon*
- *Heavy-duty sanctions on Iran and those who support them; back and forth with attacks*
- *Houthis, with Iranian backing, attacking Saudi Arabia*

US/Worldwide

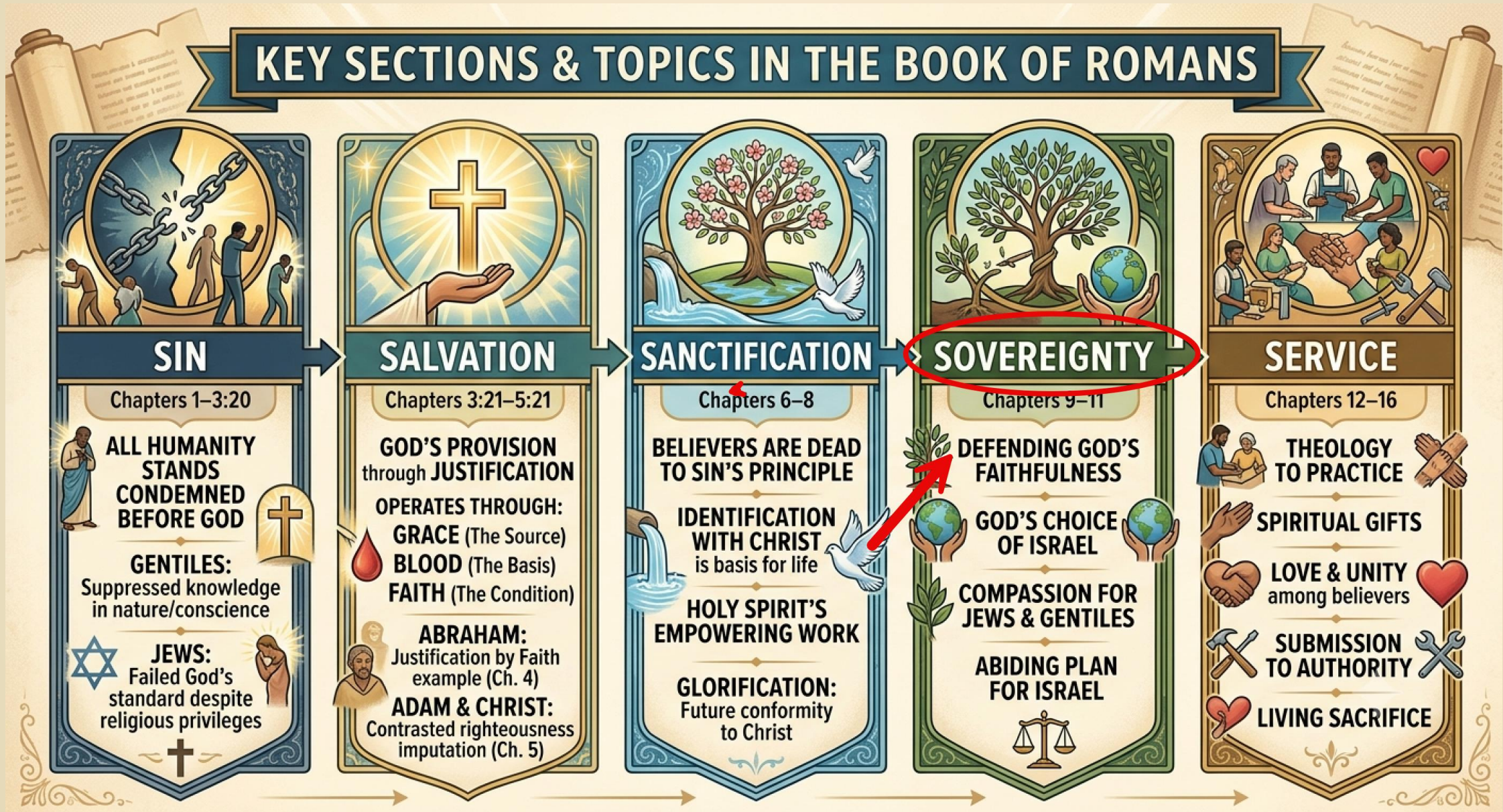
- *The Russia-Ukraine war is going nowhere towards an end. Some diplomatic effort underway. Russia escalating in new ways. Escalation with NATO*
- *Cozy relations/arms between Russia, Turkey, Iran, and China troubling but prophetic*
- *Earthquakes, Floods, volcanic eruptions, famine, and disease. Wars 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*

Elections – *both in Israel and the US will determine the direction our countries take in the ongoing battles against the One World movements. These are critical, so get out and vote*

Romans 8 Recap: Freedom, Family, and Future Hope

- ***Freedom in Christ.*** *There is no condemnation for those in Christ. The Spirit frees believers from sin and leads them into life and peace (Rom. 8:1–6).*
- ***Adoption by God.*** *The Spirit makes believers God’s children and heirs with Christ, giving them confidence to call God “Abba, Father” (Rom. 8:14–17).*
- ***Hope amid suffering.*** *Present suffering cannot compare with coming glory. Creation and believers await full redemption, secure in God’s unbreakable love (Rom. 8:18–39).*

We begin the Sovereignty section this week



The Roman Road

The Roman Road presents a logical progression through Paul's letter that traces the path from human sinfulness to salvation and assurance in Christ.

The Problem: Universal Sinfulness

- All humanity has sinned and falls short of God's glory ([Rom 3:23](#)), establishing the fundamental condition that necessitates salvation. This isn't a matter of degree—everyone stands in the same predicament.

The Consequence: Spiritual Death

- Sin's wage is death, though God offers eternal life as a free gift through Christ Jesus ([Rom 6:23](#)). The contrast between earned wages and unearned gift frames salvation as something fundamentally different from human achievement.

God's Solution: Christ's Sacrifice

- God demonstrated His love by having Christ die for us while we were still sinners ([Rom 5:8](#)). This establishes that salvation originates in divine initiative and grace, not human worthiness or effort.

Personal Response: Faith and Confession

- Salvation comes through confessing Jesus as Lord and believing that God raised Him from the dead—the heart believes unto justification while the mouth confesses unto salvation ([Rom 10:9–10](#)). Everyone who calls on the Lord's name will be saved ([Rom 10:13](#)).

The Results: Peace, Freedom, and Security

- Those justified by faith experience peace with God through Christ ([Rom 5:1](#)). There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus ([Rom 8:1](#)), and nothing in creation can separate believers from God's love in Christ ([Rom 8:38–39](#)).

This progression moves from diagnosis (sin) through remedy (Christ's death and resurrection) to response (faith and confession) and culminates in assurance (peace, freedom, and eternal security).

Romans Chs 9-11 Overview

Paul ended Ch 8 with a soaring promise:

³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*This raised a set of questions in the minds of the Romans, and in ours as well. **Romans 9-11** addresses these Q's, and they are as important for us as they were for them.*

***What about Israel?** They were God's chosen people. **Has he now "unchosen" them?** If God has given up on the Jews, what does it say about His promises to Christians?*

After all, the Jews rejected Jesus and even drove His crucifixion. Paul addresses these Qs and answers in Ch 9-11, and these chapters inform how we should understand God's plan today.

Discussions along the way

- What does it mean to be a Jew?
- Are all the Jews under the promises of God?
- What about the **Path to the Kingdom** where some were selected and others not selected?
- When the Bible says, “All Israel will be saved”, does that mean they have a separate plan from Gentiles? Is there a “dual covenant” theology?
- Justice and mercy, responsibility and God’s sovereignty. How do they work together to bring salvation through the Gospel?
- Gentiles and Jews, how does that work in the Kingdom?

Topics from Ch 8, dealt with according to response of Jews

<u>Key Topic</u>	<u>Romans 8</u>	<u>Romans 9</u>
Adoption/Sonship	verse 15	verses 4,26
Glory	verses 18,21	verses 4,23
Purpose of God	verse 29	verse 11
Foreknowledge/Election	verse 29	verse 11
God's Children	verses 14,16	verse 8
Calling of God	verses 28,30	verses 12,24
Cut off/Separation from God	verse 39	verses 22,28, 29

Romans 9:1-5 Truth in Love and Anguish

9 I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit—

2 that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh.

4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.

5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

Paul begins his message with an anguished heart for his people. He acknowledges all their gifts from God, and also their lineage to the Messiah.

He also lays the seed for (S)election by God and His Sovereignty

Romans 9:6-13 *Always based on (S)Election*

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⁷ *and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”*

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¹⁰ And not only so, but also when **Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac,**

¹¹ though they were **not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad**—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls—

¹² she was told, **“The older will serve the younger.”**

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Let's talk through these

Romans 9:6-8 Who are the Children of God?

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This discussion was critical to Paul explaining the differences in Jews who were “chosen” and Gentiles who were not Jews.

He first narrows the Jewish birth line from all...to those of the Promise. The remnant of Israel... *Not all Israel is Israel, just like not all members of the church are children of God*

Romans 9:9-13 The Promise and the Line

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God foreknew and chose those who would come to Him as his pathway to the Messiah. His choices are sovereign and blessings follow

Romans 9:14-18. Justice and Mercy

¹⁴ What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means!

¹⁵ For he says to Moses, *“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.”* (Ex 33:19)

¹⁶ So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.

¹⁷ For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, *“For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.”* (Ex 9:16)

¹⁸ *So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.*

Hardens is the Greek word “sklérunó” which means to stiffen or make inflexible/stubborn, as in scleroderma or sclerosis of the arteries

Romans 9:19-24

¹⁹ You will say to me then, **“Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?”**

²⁰ **But who are you, O man, to answer back to God?** Will what is molded say to its molder, **“Why have you made me like this?”**

²¹ Has the potter no right over the clay, **to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable(common) use?**

²² **What if God**, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction,

²³ in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory—

²⁴ **even us whom he has called**, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles?

Rom 9:19-24 What is Paul saying?

Paul asks a hard question: if God chooses whom to harden, how can people still be responsible for resisting God?

Human understanding has limits. *Something made cannot fully question its maker. In the same way, people do not see everything God sees.*

- **God is the potter.** We are the clay. A potter shapes clay for different uses. Paul says *God's authority comes from being the Creator and reflects a purpose.*
- **Judgment and mercy.** God is patient with people facing judgment. *Judgment reveals God's power; mercy reveals God's glory.*
- **God's mercy includes many people.** *Both Jewish and non-Jewish people receive mercy and are prepared for glory.* God's call includes people from many backgrounds.

He makes this point scripturally next.

Romans 9:25-26 *God Chooses...*

²⁵ As indeed he says in **Hosea** (Hos 2:23,1:10),

*“Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’
and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’”*

²⁶ *“And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’
there they will be called ‘sons of the living God.’”*

In the Prophet Hosea, God proclaims that those formerly called “Not My People” will be told “You are my people” and “Children of the living God,” establishing the inclusion of Gentiles in God’s people.

One of the largest failings of the Jews was to realize that they were God’s chosen people, not for honor, but for service, and that service was to proclaim His word, and it was not done.

Romans 9:27-29 The Remnant

²⁷ And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: *“Though the number of the sons of Israel(children of Israel) be as the sand of the sea, **only a remnant of them will be saved,***

²⁸ *for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay.”*

²⁹ And as **Isaiah** predicted,

*“If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring,
we would have been like Sodom
and become like Gomorrah.”*

Isaiah 10:22 and Isaiah 1:29

We know that the Tribulation period is when the Jews will be faced with the decision to return to the Messiah, but sadly most will not; the remainder will be saved

Romans 9:30-33 Israel's Unbelief a Stumbling Stone

³⁰ **What shall we say, then?** That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, **a righteousness that is by faith;**

³¹ **but that Israel, who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness, did not succeed in reaching that law.**

³² **Why?** Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone,

³³ as it is written,

*“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense;
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”*

Christ as the Stumbling Stone

Isaiah 28:16 speaks of a “precious cornerstone” laid in Zion, while Isaiah 8:14 describes this stone as “a stone of **offense** and a **rock of stumbling**,” *both applied to Christ's role in Israel's response to the gospel.*

This Stumbling stone is still causing disbelief in Israel and worldwide

How might we summarize Romans Ch 9?

Romans 9 asks how God remains faithful when many in Israel reject(ed) Jesus. Paul emphasizes God's freedom, mercy, and covenant purpose.

- **God Keeps the Covenant**

- God's promises have not failed. God works through human unfaithfulness and extends mercy to Gentiles.

- **Election Shows Mercy**

- Isaac and Jacob show that God's purpose rests on God's promise and compassion, not human merit.

- **Paul Grieves for Israel**

- Paul deeply mourns for fellow Israelites and is willing to suffer for their sake.

- **Grace Preserves a Remnant**

- Some Israelites respond through grace, showing that faith rests on God's mercy rather than human achievement.

One last thought...The Stumbling Block

The eternal truth behind this thought is this.

Jesus was sent into this world to be the Savior of men; but he is also the touchstone by which all men are judged.

If a person's heart goes out in love and submission to him, Jesus is for them - salvation. If a person's heart is entirely unmoved or angrily rebellious, Jesus is for them - condemnation.

Jesus came into the world for our salvation, and it is a free gift to us, but by our attitude toward Him we can either gain salvation or merit condemnation.

This is as true today as it was then

Next week

*We will pick up where we left off; **Read Romans Ch. 10-11***

➤ *Pray for our Nation and its leaders*

- *Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and Peace for Israel*
- *Pray for the end of the wars*

➤ *Pray for our State and its Leaders, **and the elections to come**, for God to give us Godly leaders (Oct 5 last day to register)*

➤ *Our Church, the Pastors and Leaders – safety and faithfulness*

➤ *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. Pray that you will be empowered to turn over your life to righteousness

