

FirstRedeemer CHURCH

Logos Class

Book of Romans Ch 13-14A

Class for Nov 1, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓*Oct 4, 2026.* *Romans Ch 9*
- ✓*Oct 11, 2026* *Romans Ch 10*
- ✓*Oct 18, 2026* *Romans Ch 11*
- ✓*Oct 25, 2026* *Romans Ch 12*
- ✓*Nov 1, 2026 EST* *Romans Ch 13-14A (Tues. Nov 3, VOTE)*
- *Nov 8, 2026* *Romans Ch 14B-15A*
- *Nov 15, 2026* *Romans Ch 16*
- *Nov 22, 2026* *New Study*

***Calendar note**: Logos Class Christmas Party – Hold Dec 12*

Quick Update ...*ICYMI*

Middle East

- *Israel continues its efforts against Hezbollah, and Hamas, and internal terrorism*
- *Houthis, with Iranian backing, attacking Saudi Arabia. Major airport damage from rockets*
- *Iran spreading its terrorism across the Mid East, Europe, and America*
- *Qatar/Turkey trying to subvert Israeli Elections – Latest Results*

US/Worldwide

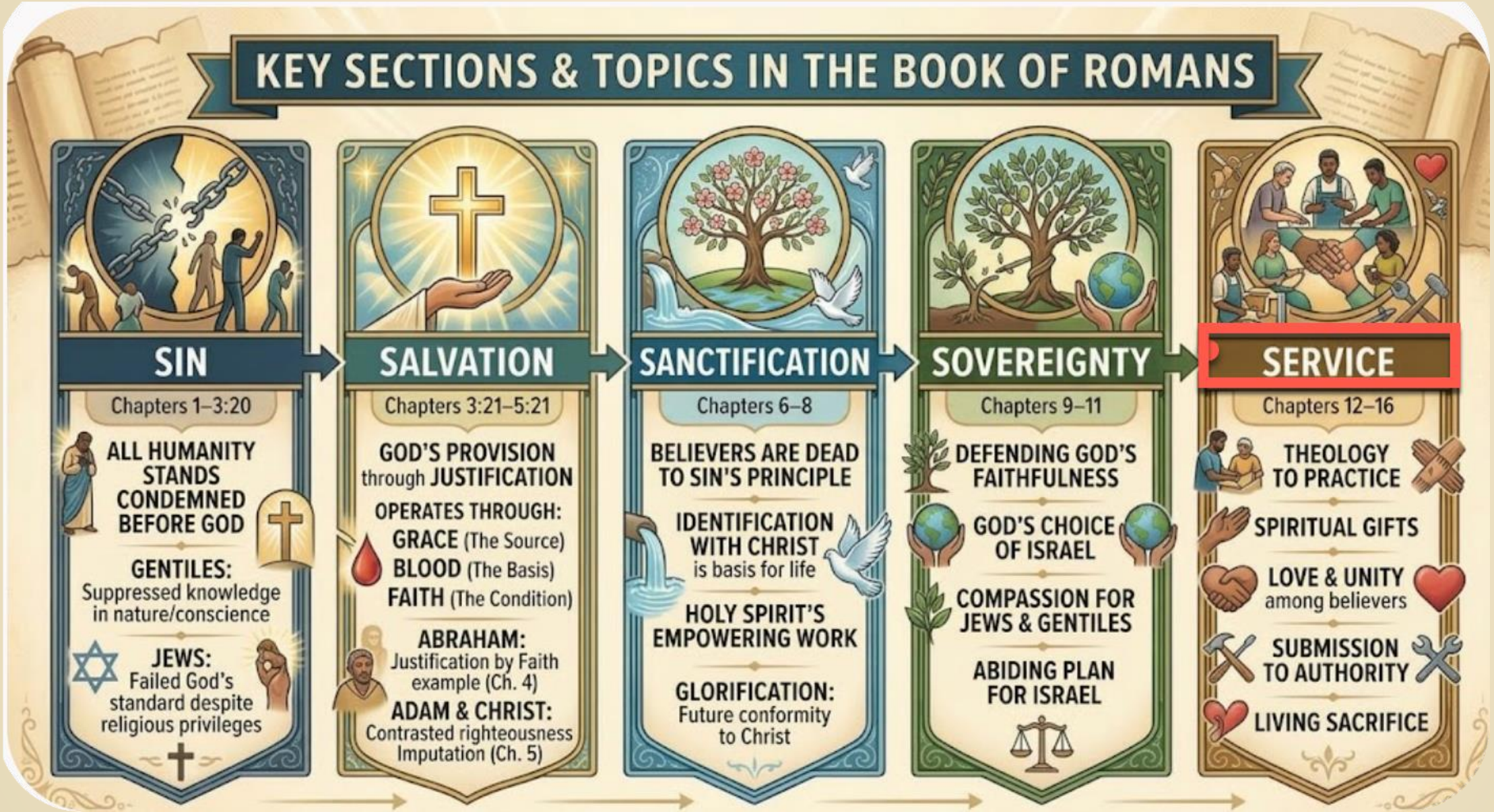
- *The Russia-Ukraine war is hard to understand where we are...*
- *European countries are on fire...France, Spain, UK,. Rioters are everywhere. Massive destruction by immigrants against institutions sowing chaos*
- *European Countries are getting ready for a coming Mr Fixit to make it better*
- *Canada is isolating and taking action against the Gospel and Christians*

Chaos everywhere, Antisemitism rampaging, Anti Christian activities, Anti Western too

Elections *– Election Results I Israel are undetermined. Netanyahu is leading but does not have enough votes to form anew government. US elections choices are stark, but no clear leader. Elections Tuesday. Choice couldn't be clearer.*

These are critical, so get out and vote...take a friend

Today we continue the Practical/ Service Section



Let me summarize the rules from Paul for regular life

- Your love must be sincere, not a fake or put on. A love to give and not receive
- Hate that which is evil and cling to that which is good. Let go of bad things
- Show brotherly love towards one another. We are part of the same family with the same Heavenly Faither
- Give honor to one another. Do not get angry over perceived slights or rights
- Be zealous in your defense of the Christian Life. No lethargy. We may burn out but must never rust out.
- Do not be lukewarm but be ready to take up the flag.
- Serve the Lord/ Serve the Time – Seize your opportunities as they come
- Rejoice in Hope. Because God is God, we should always see Hope
- Meet tribulation with fortitude. Life has its troubles, but we choose how we react to them
- Persist in Prayer
- Share with those in need
- Be hospitable – Tyndale said " A home can never be happy when it is selfish. *Christianity is the open hand, open heart, and open door*

In Chapter 12- What did we learn?

Paul encourages us to not only claim Jesus as or savior, but also as Lord.

- When we do that, we have a changed attitude and perspective
- This makes us accountable for 24 hours a day, not just on Sunday morning to be what the Lord has created us to be.
- Renewing our mind, causes a sense of humility, and understanding that each of us has a special gift for use in the body, and all are important to fulfilling the role of the Church
- Paul concludes this discussion by admonishing us to be genuine in our love to both believers and unbelievers, and showing kindness, blessings, and no vengeance to those who persecute us.
- In Ch 13, Paul moves to our relationships with authorities

Romans 13 and 14

- These chapters are not very long so I may finish 13 and get into Ch 14 today, and then finish Ch 14, and move into Ch 15 next week
- Romans 13 continues Paul's practical teaching from chapter 12, turning to government because governing authorities are God's "agents of wrath", charged with judging evil in this world. Believers are called to recognize that they "stand under" government in the design God has instituted to rule the world.[2]
- Yet Paul describes secular rulers as they ***should function***, not as they always do function. When civil rulers overstep their proper function, the Christian is to obey God rather than human authorities.

What do we think about our relationship with the Government?

Romans 13 Priorities – Loving and being Faithful

- Paul then shifts to love—*the one debt we never finish paying.* When we genuinely love others, we naturally begin to live out the commandments that shape how we treat them.
- He closes by reminding believers that the present age will not last forever. That certainty gives us a reason to live faithfully now—to let our outward lives reflect the inward change God has already made.

Romans 13:1-7 Submission to Authorities

13 *Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.* ***For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.***

2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,

4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

What do you think?

Does this seem like a strange commandment? Yet, it is the consistent theme in the Bible:

1 Tim 2:1-2 *2 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.*

Titus 3:1 *3 Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work*

1 Peter 2:13-17 *13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.*

Romans 13: 5-7 In Addition...

5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

7 Pay to all what is owed to them: ***taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.***

What is behind this position?

- It was always the position of the Christian Church, that authorities are to be obeyed, and the Christian should pray for those in authority
- This was especially true in Paul's day because the Roman Government in the first century AD was extremely hostile to religion that opposed Emperor Worship, and was oppressive against the Jews. The Jews were historically a difficult and disruptive people, which didn't help.
- Part of this may have been to disassociate Christianity from the trouble the Romans were having with the Jews.
- Paul's main view was that God was over all, and therefore the government was there, over them, in God's provision and therefore it should be obeyed so as not to dishonor Christianity.

What about obeying God rather than man?

- *The Bible reminds us that respecting authority matters—but obedience to God comes first.*
- *When ordered to stop speaking about Jesus, Peter and the apostles answered, **"We must obey God rather than men"** (Acts 5:29). Peter and John also made it clear: they could not stop sharing what they had seen and heard (Acts 4:19–20).*
- *We see that same courage in Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who refused to worship the king's idol (Dan 3:16–18), and in Daniel, who kept praying despite a royal ban (Dan 6:10). The Egyptian midwives protected Hebrew babies rather than obey Pharaoh (Exod 1:17), and Moses's parents hid their son in faith (Heb 11:23).*
- *Faithfulness can also mean a respectful request: Daniel asked permission to avoid food and wine that would defile him (Dan 1:8).*

The takeaway is simple: respect those in authority, but when their demands conflict with God's will, stay faithful to God—even when it costs you.

Romans Ch 13:8-10 Fulfilling the Law Through Love

8 Owe no one anything, except to love each other, ***for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law.***

9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

10 Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Romans 13:11-14. The Time is short, be urgent

11 Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. *For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.*

12 The night is far gone; the day is at hand*. So then let us* *cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.*

13 Let us ***walk properly as in the daytime****, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy.*

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, ***and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.***

Romans 14:1- 4 Do Not Pass Judgment on One Another

14 *As for the one who is weak in faith,* ***welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.***

2 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables.

3 Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.

4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master[a] that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Next week

We will pick up where we left off; ***Read Romans Ch. 14***

- *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*
- *Our Church, the Pastors and Leaders – safety and faithfulness*
- *Pray for the needs of our class members and families*
- *Pray for Comfort and Compassion for the Buchwalds, and Surls*

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

