



Logos Class

Book of Romans Ch 5

Class for Sep 6, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

Before we start...

- On Wednesday nights at the RBI class, we have students from both the morning and evening classes present topics they have been working on as part of their class exercises
- Some of these students are also members of our class...some visiting, and some permanent- but all either on Zoom or in class.
- Two of them presented this past Wednesday night
 - **Naomi Taylor** – Secret Sins – Story of Achan in Joshua 7
 - **Marty Schwartz**, who spoke on **salvation** and wove in his testimony
 - **Both presentations were excellent and show dramatic growth in their spiritual and oral skills.**
 - This Wednesday (room 207), **Chuck Honess** will be speaking on 1 Thess 4

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

✓ *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

• *Sept 13, 2026*

Romans Ch 6

• *Sept 20, 2026*

Romans Ch 7

• *Sept 27, 2026*

Romans Ch 8

Quick Update ...ICYMI

Middle East

- *Ceasefire between Hamas / Israel/ US – Israel is still trying to get Hamas to disarm, not happening yet*
- *HEAVY Duty sanctions on Iran and those who support them; back and forth with attacks*

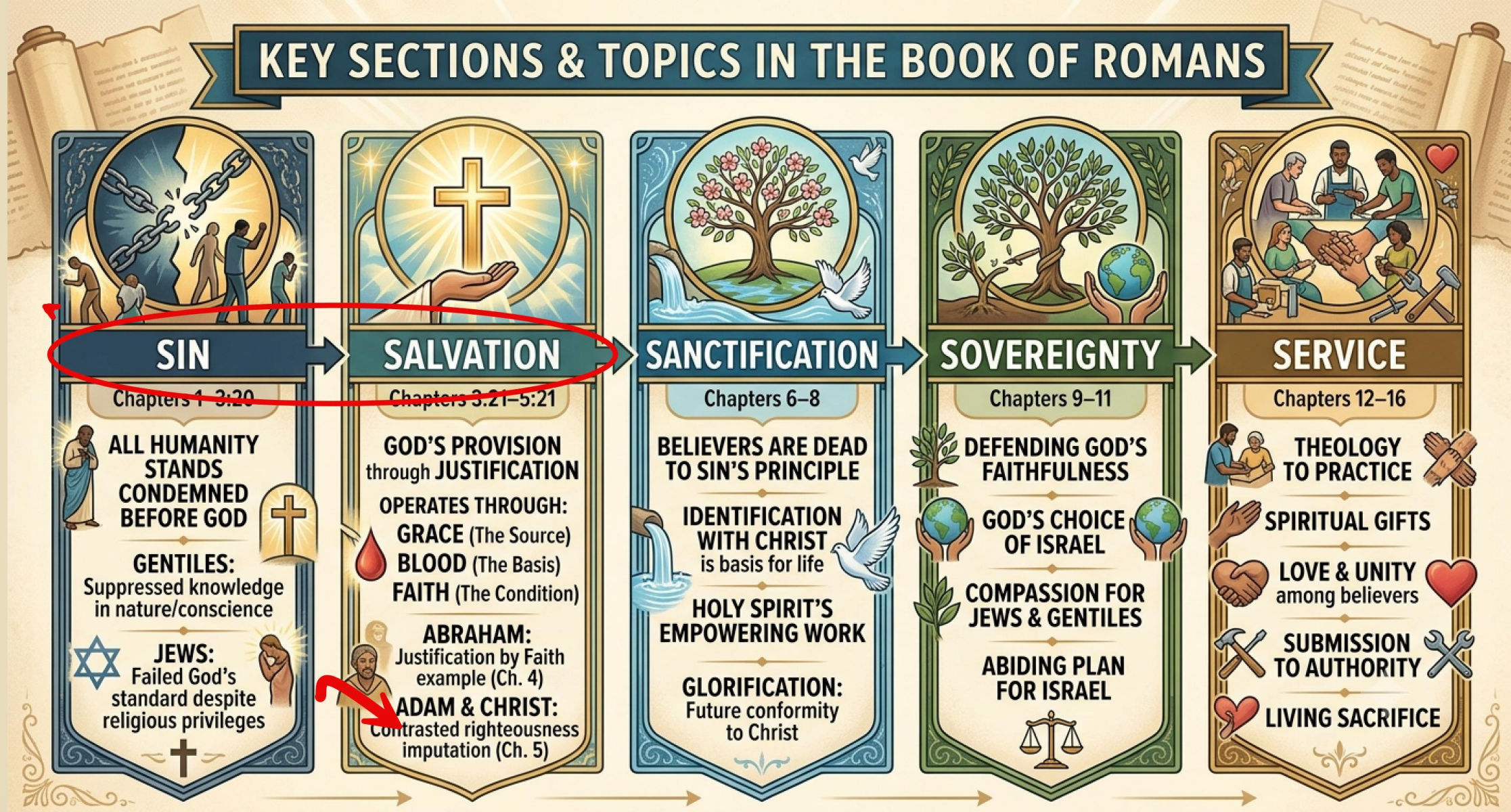
US/Worldwide

- *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. Proof of the Bible's truth emerging to a skeptical world through science and archeology.

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

We will finish then “Salvation” section this week



Quick Summary of Romans Ch 4

- *Paul uses Abraham as the main example of faith.*
- *God accepted Abraham because he trusted God, not because of his works.*
- *Righteousness comes through faith, not religious rules or outward signs.*
- *Abraham became an example for all believers, whether they had the law or not.*
- *God's promise to Abraham was received by faith, not by keeping the law.*
- *Abraham's faith also shows true hope because he trusted God to bring life where there seemed to be no possibility of life. Making the impossible...possible*

Final thoughts about Romans Ch 4

- *Faith is not only about forgiveness; it is also about trusting God's power to bring new life.*
- *Justification means God forgives people and begins to transform them.*
- *Abraham points forward to the message of Christ's death and resurrection.*



The main point is that people are made right with God by faith, not by their own achievements.

The Black and White of it, *which are we under?*

Paul saw things in comparison

- God's Promise (2 Greek words)
 - **Huposchesis** – a conditional promise. If you do, then I'll do
 - ✓ **Epaggelia** – An unconditional promise made from the goodness of a heart. *This is the word Paul used for God's love*
- **FAITH** – Faith in the promises of God
- **GRACE** – Something never earned or deserved. We must find glory in what God has done for us

- **LAW**- Diagnose a problem but not effect a cure. It can even stimulate lawbreaking. *'Stolen Fruit is the sweetest'*
- **TRANSGRESSION** – As long as there are laws, there will be lawbreaking. Our life is only one of continual failure and lawbreaking
- **WRATH** – In God's world, wherever there are laws that are broken, judgement will follow. If we are continually in a state of transgression, God's judgment is coming.

GRACE ← → LAW

*5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have **peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

2 Through Him we have also obtained access by faith (Introduction) into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:1-5. A Deeper Look... Greek words

There are so many points of discussion in these verses that we could spend a whole hour on them, but I want to bring out and discuss several.

Before Jesus came, no man could ever be really close to God. ***Trusting Faith has done what no law could ever do...bring us into peace with God.***

Now we have to think about how we see Him. Do we see Him as a distant deity, a harsh judge, a complete stranger, or as a loving father?

William Barclay says, *“It is only when we realize that God is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ that there comes into life that intimacy with Him, that new relationship, which Paul calls justification.*

*The Greek word that is used in v2 for “introduction, or access by faith” is **Prosagōgē** (pro-sa-go-GAY), which is revealed in 2 great pictures*

Prosagōgē - definition

- 1. It is the regular word for being ushered into the presence of royalty and the approach of a worshipper into the presence of God. Paul tells us that Jesus **ushers us into the very presence of God**. When that door is opened and we go through, **we find grace, not condemnation, not judgment, not vengeance, but the sheer, undeserved, incredible kindness of God***
- 2. A secondary but equally important idea in Greek is that this word was also used for the place where ships came in to dock... a **harbor**. What a remarkable thought that we are in the rough, stormy seas of life, and Jesus brings us into a safe harbor. A haven for the Grace of God.*

On the flip side...

No sooner than Paul tells us of this safe haven, he reminds us that as Christians, we are still up against the troubles of life. And he gives us a deep teaching about trouble.

Suffering produces endurance,

⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,

Trouble/suffering = **Thlipsis**= pressure squeezing from every side.

Endurance/fortitude = **Hupomonē**=an overcoming spirit that won't give up or quit

That trouble produces that unquenchable spirit to continue.

That Spirit produces character=**dokimē**=metal that has been refined, like “sterling” silver or 24 Carat Gold

That Character produces **Elpida = Hope**

When your Hope is in God

Paul makes the final point in v5: ***5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.***

Barclay translates: “The Christian Hope never proves to be an illusion, for it is founded on the love of God”

...and comments further: “when a man’s hope is in God, it cannot turn to dust and ashes...It cannot be disappointed...when a man’s hope is founded in the love of God, it can never be an illusion, for God loves us with an everlasting love backed by an everlasting power”

Of course, we recognize that everlasting power to be the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit that lives in us.

Romans 5:6-11 The Final Proof of Love

⁶ For ***while we were still weak***, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—

⁸ but God shows his love for us in that ***while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.***

⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, ***much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.***

¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

¹¹ More than that, ***we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.***

Romans 5:6-11. A Deeper Understanding

The final proof of His love for us is that, unlike humans, God died for us even when we were gross sinners and stood apart from him by our unbelief and sin.

John 15:13 ESV reminds us ¹³*Greater love has no one than this: that someone lay down his life for his **friends**.*

*The wonder of God is that He did it for His **Enemies***

Paul goes on to tell us that there is more...



*Our **status** with God has changed*

*Sinners-> right relationship with God -> our **state** has changed; we do not go on to continue in sin*

His death changed our status; His Risen Life changed our state.

Our state is now one of justification, which leads to sanctification

Before we read the last sections of Ch 5

These next verses are some of the most important theologically, but also some of the most difficult passages that Paul writes.

Two main reasons for this:

1. Paul is talking about several ideas and beliefs of the Jews that were totally believed and understood by them as Paul is writing, but not on our radar.
 - a) The first is that the Jew never thought of himself as an individual. He was tribal and believed that if one tribe attacked another tribe, it was not just a personal issue, but a tribal issue...a solidarity issue. In the book of **Joshua Ch 7**, we see a Jew named **Achan**. After the Jews conquered Jericho, God issued instructions about taking spoils, but Achan disobeyed and stole valuables and hid them...but God knew his secret sin, and when it was uncovered, he and all his household were killed as punishment. Jews understood this concept and accepted that a personal sin had much wider consequences. **This is how Paul sees Adam and relays his ideas**
 - b) Paul says, **“all men sinned in Adam.”** To understand Paul's thinking here, we must wrestle with some questions which have also been debated by theologians over the centuries. We must take care to unpack this correctly
2. Paul's thread of thought is interrupted and restarted several times

All Men sinned in Adam...Connection/Clarification

What is the connection? Is it physical? Did Adam's sin change us into beings with an inherent sinful nature? Is it Legal? Did Adam represent us as our agent with God? When he sinned, did we all sin? There was no law at this time, only the direct commandments from God to Adam.

To the Jew, this tribal affiliation and solidarity of action was a common thought. In addition, Paul argues that **Death is a direct consequence of sin**. Adam and Eve were created for immortality of body as well as the spirit. Certainly, all men and women continued to die, and still do today, confirming the truth of the idea that **Death is a consequence of sin**.

In **1 Cor 15:21-22**, Paul clarifies his thought: ***²¹ For as **by a man came death**, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.***

Romans 5:12-17

The Power of One

*¹² Therefore, **just as sin came into the world through one man**, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—*

*¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, **but sin is not counted where there is no law.***

*¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of **Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.***

*¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. **For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the **free gift** by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.***

*¹⁶ And the **free gift** is not like the result of that one man's sin. **For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the **free gift** following many trespasses brought justification.***

*¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the **free gift** of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.*

Romans 5:18-21. Adam and Christ...Compare/Contrast

¹⁸ Therefore, as *one trespass led to condemnation for all men*, so ***one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.***

¹⁹ For as by the *one man's disobedience* the many were made sinners, so by the *one man's obedience* the many will be made righteous.

²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but *where sin increased, grace abounded all the more,*

²¹ so that, as *sin reigned in death*, *grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Note: We had no choice in the sin of Adam, but now through Jesus Christ, we have a free gift of righteousness, grace, and salvation and through Christ the gift is available, but we have to choose individually to receive it and be saved.

What are the key takeaways from Romans Ch 5?

Peace with God: Believers are made right with God by faith and now have peace with Him.

Hope through suffering: Hardship can build endurance, character, and confident hope in God.

God's love shown: God proved His love by sending Christ to die for sinners.

Assurance of salvation: Because Christ has already reconciled believers to God, they can trust Him for final salvation. Resurrection confirms it.

Adam and Christ: Adam brought sin and death, but Christ brings grace, righteousness, and life. Adam is a “type” of Christ, but with vast differences.

Grace is greater: Christ's gift is stronger than Adam's sin and offers life, peace, and security to all who belong to Him.

Next week

*We will pick up where we left off; **Read Romans Ch. 6**
...**Sanctification***

- *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

