

## ROMANS

### Discussion Questions

#### Romans 1

Q.1 – In what ways is God made plain to us (v 19)?

Q.2 – Their foolish hearts were darkened. What does this mean (v 21)? Is there any difference between darkened and hardened?

Q. 3 – God gave them over. Does God ever give up on us (v 24)? Should we give up on anyone? Why?

Q.4 – Why is it wrong for a Christian to seek peer approval?

#### Romans 2

Q. 1 – Why should a Christian not offer excuses for his actions (v 1)?

Q.2 – What does it mean to not pass judgment on others (v 1)? How does the knowledge of good and evil fit in here?

Q.3 – In what ways do we receive judgment for our hardness of heart (v 5)?

Q.4 – What does it mean to us to receive glory, honor and peace from God (v10)?

Q.5.- In what way is the law written on our hearts, in our consciences (v 15)? Is this a good thing for us? Why?

Q.6 – Why should we not brag about our accomplishments (v 17)?

Q.7 – What happens to us as we gain a humble heart for God (v 29)?

### Romans 3

Q.1 – Let us do evil that good may result (v 8). Why would anyone believe this? In what ways is this wrong?

Q.2 – Define worldly peace and God's peace (v 17). In what ways do they differ?

Q.3- What is involved in being accountable to God (v 19)?

Q.4 – What does it mean to be justified by the grace of God (v 24)?

### Romans 4

Q.1 – What does it mean that God credits righteousness to us apart from works (v6)?

Q.2 – In what ways is Abraham the father of us all (v 16)?

Q.3 – Christ was raised to life for our justification (v 25). What does it mean to be justified before God?

### Romans 5

Q.1 – We have gained access to God’s grace by our faith (v 1). What does this mean to us?

Q.2 – We rejoice in our sufferings (v 4, 2 Cor 1:6 and Phil 3:8). In what way can we rejoice in our sufferings?

Q.3 – What does it mean to us that God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (v 5)?

Q.4 – Jesus Christ’s death on the cross brings life to all of us (v 18). In what ways is this life experienced by us?

### Romans 6

Q.1 – We were buried with Christ by baptism into death, so that we could be raised to new life just as Christ was raised from the dead (v 4, Gal 2:20). Why must we die to our old nature before we can gain a new life in Christ? Describe the new life in Christ.

Q.2 – What does it mean to be united with Christ (v 5, Rm 8:16-17, Phil 2:1-2)?

Q.3 – Paul refers to us as slaves to righteousness (v18), though we know that in Christ there is freedom (Rm 8:21). What, then, does Paul mean when he says that we are slaves to righteousness?

Q.4 – The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (v 23). In what ways do we experience this eternal life?

Q.5 – Describe the progression of Christian growth.

## Romans 7

Q.1 – Paul speaks of our sinful nature. What is the sinful nature and what hold does it have over us?

Q.2 – Now that Paul is a devoted Christian, he sees the great mistake he made as a Pharisee, persecuting Christians. How do you suppose Paul thinks of his former life as a Pharisee? What can we draw from this for us today?

Q.3 – Paul realizes that our inherited sinful nature will never actually die within us, but that it can be overcome by the Spirit of God living in us. How can we help the indwelling Spirit overcome our sinful nature?

Q.4 – Paul describes the tension of good vs evil that was within him (v 14-15). When do you suppose he felt this most severely? What can we learn from this?

Q.5 – Why is it vital that every Christian continue to grow?

## Romans 8

Q.1 – There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus (v 1). What does this mean for us today?

Q.2 – Jesus Christ died on the cross for our forgiveness, so that we might become righteous before God, commune with God (v 4). What do we need to do to accept this gift from God?

Q.3 – Because we are forgiven, the Spirit of God comes to live in every true believer (v 9-11). In what ways do we know that this is true?

Q.4 – We can be led by the Spirit of God (v 14). In what ways might we receive direction by the indwelling Spirit of God?

Q.5 – What does it mean to us to be children of God (v 16)?

Q.6 – In this life we still suffer (v 18). Why does Paul say that this suffering is not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us?

Q.7 - The indwelling Spirit of God intercedes for us in accordance with God's will (v 26). What does this mean to us in our lives today?

Q.8 – We are to be conformed to the likeness of Jesus Christ (v 29). How do we go about this? Why is this important to us? How do we know if we are growing?

Q.9 – Nothing can separate us from the love of God (v 39). Why is this true? Can we do anything to help?

### Romans 9

Q.1 – What is the connection between your conscience and the indwelling Holy Spirit (v 1)?

Q.2 – Who are the children of the promise, the holy nation, the people belonging to God (v 8, 1 Pet 2:9)?

Q.3 – What is God's purpose in election (v 11)?

Q.4 – I will have mercy on whom I have mercy (v 15). Why is this an OK thing for God to do? Is God ever arbitrary?

Q.5 – Does God choose to harden some people's hearts (v 18)? How does this come about?

## Romans 10

Q.1 – Is zeal for God enough (v 2)? What might be missing?

Q.2 – What is involved in believing in your heart that Jesus is Lord (v 9)?

Q.3 – Is calling on the name of the Lord different from believing in your heart (V 9, 13)?  
How so?

Q.4 – How does God go about revealing himself to those who do not ask for him (v 20)?

## Romans 11

Q.1 – There is a remnant chosen by the grace of God (v 5). What does this mean? Who are they?

Q.2 – God gave them eyes that could not see and ears that could not hear (v 8, Is 6:10).  
God hardened their hearts (v 7). Does this mean that God chooses randomly? What does it mean?

Q.3 – You, a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in (v 17). What is the significance of this?

Q.4 – We must continue in God's kindness, continue to follow Christ, or we will be cut off (v 22), but God's call is irrevocable (v 29). How can both these things be true?

## Romans 12

Q.1 – Do not conform to the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind (v 2). What is this transformation, into what (2 Cor 5:17-21)? Why is this important to you?

Q.2 – How can you know God's will for you personally (v 2)?

Q.3 – We are to think of ourselves with the measure of faith God has given us (v 3). Why is how we think of ourselves important?

Q.4 – Faith is from God (v 3). What can we do to increase our faith?

Q.5 – In Christ we form one body (v 5). What does this mean to us?

Q.6 – Why is it important to know and use your gifts (v 6)?

Q.7 – What does it mean to love with God's love (v 9-21)? How do we go about doing this?

Q.8 – How do we overcome evil with good (v 21)?

## Romans 13

Q.1 – There is no authority except what God has established (v 1). How should we react to an evil government?

Q.2 – Give everyone what you owe him, if respect, then respect (v 7). Should we not love and respect all people?

Q.3 – Love your neighbor as yourself (v 9). Who is my neighbor? In what way are you to love your neighbor?

Q.4 – What does it mean to clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ (v 14, Eph 4:22-23)?

#### Romans 14

Q.1 – Every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord (v 11, Is 45:23). Does this include those that do not believe in Christ? What does this mean to us?

Q.2 – If my brother is distressed by something I do, what should I do about it (v 15)? How should I behave in this situation?

Q.3 – What does it mean to live in the kingdom of God as children of God (v 17)?

Q.4 – Everything that does not come from faith is sin (v 23). What does this mean to you?

#### Romans 15

Q.1 - What should we do to build up the people around us (v 2)? Why is this important?

Q.2 – Define unity in our one body in Christ (v 5). In what way does God give us a spirit of unity?

Q.3 – What does it mean to be sanctified by the Holy Spirit (v 16)?

Q.4 – Paul performed miracles through the power of the Holy Spirit (v 19). What does this mean to each of us and to us as one body in Christ? If Paul was so strong in the power of the Spirit, why did he suffer such hardships?

Romans 16

Q.1 – Do you think of yourself as a saint (v 2)? Why is this important to you and to our one body in Christ?

Q.2 – People who seek to cause dissension in the church do so for self-centered reasons (v 17). They deceive by smooth talk and flattery. How should we go about knowing and opposing these divisive people?

Q.3 – We are to know good and evil when we see it (Heb 5:14). How can we know this? What can we do to help ourselves in this knowledge of good and evil?

Q.4 – The God of peace will soon crush Satan under his feet (v 20). I thought this was already done (Gen 3:15, 2 Cor 5:21, Eph 1:7-8). In what sense is Satan crushed and in what sense is this event yet to come?

Q.5 – The bible is the prophetic writings of God (v 26). Are all of the teachings of the bible true (2 Tim 3:16)? Are all things said in the bible literally true?