



The Book of Romans

Tuesday Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

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Getting Familiar with Romans

Who wrote the Epistles?

What do you know about first-century Rome?

Do you have a favorite Bible verse in Romans?

Romans 1:16-17

Author, Date, Genre, Place of Writing, Recipients, Purpose

Where do we want to look first for evidence about such topics?

Romans 1:1-2

Romans 1:7

Romans 16:23

1 Corinthians 1:14-15

Acts 18:1-2

Brief Outline

1. Romans 1-4: The Gospel Reveals God's Righteousness
2. Romans 5-8: The Gospel Creates a New Humanity
3. Romans 9-11: The Gospel Fulfills God's Promise to Israel
4. Romans 12-16: The Gospel Unifies the Church

Standard Features of a Biblical Epistle

1. Salutation
2. Thanksgiving
3. Body
4. Paranesis
5. Personal Greetings
6. Benediction

What is wrong with reading Romans as a critic (you as an authority over the text)?

What is wrong with reading Romans in dialogue (you as an equal with the text)?

What is wrong with reading Romans in submission (the text has the last word)?

Who decides what Romans means?

Why is it important to understand the first recipients of this Epistle?

Do you read Romans for information or to shape your character?

Seven Sources for Biblical Application

1. Rules and Commandments
2. Ideals and Principles
3. Doctrine and Truth
4. Redemptive Acts in Narratives
5. Exemplary Acts in Narratives
6. Biblical Images and Symbols
7. Psalms, Songs, and Prayers

Five Questions for Application

1. What is God doing in me?
2. What is my duty?
3. Who should I be?
4. What goals should I pursue?
5. What can I discern?