

7) We are not saved by good works, religious effort, church attendance, or morality. We are saved by trusting in _____ alone.

- a. Religion says, “_____.” Jesus says, “_____.”
- b. We don’t _____ our way to God. We _____ in what Christ already accomplished for us.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. *Why do you think Paul identified himself as a servant first rather than an apostle?*
2. *What stands out to you about Paul’s passion to share the gospel?*
3. *Why was Paul not ashamed of the gospel?*
4. *What does it mean to live by faith in your daily life?*

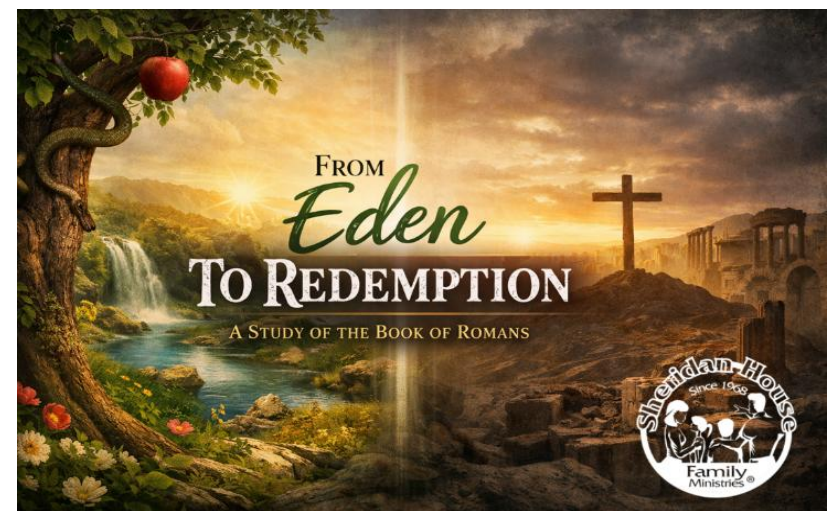


A STUDY OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS

Chapter 1:1-17

The Gospel: God’s Power for Salvation

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- 1) _____ comes before **conclusions**—know the author, audience, timing, and purpose, or you will misapply the message.

Romans 1:1 This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News. NLT

Acts 9:1 But Saul [*Paul*], still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. **3** Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. **4** And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “*Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?*” **5** And he said, “Who are you, Lord?” And he said, “*I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.* **6 But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.” **ESV****

- 2) God never wastes a prepared mind—He _____ it.

Romans 1:7 To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ESV

Romans 4:1 What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh?

Romans 11:13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry 14 in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ESV

- 3) Romans is the most complete explanation of the _____ in the Bible.

Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ESV

- i. Before Paul was an apostle, he was a servant.
- ii. He was “called.” That means Paul did not appoint himself.
- iii. And it ends with “set apart.” His life had a divine purpose.

- 4) Before God asks us to do something for Him, he _____ us to belong to Him.

- a. Your greatest title is *not* what you do for God, but that you _____ to Him.

Romans 1:13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. 14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. 15 So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. ESV

- 5) The Good News (the Gospel) is for _____.
 - a. The ground is _____ at the foot of the cross.
 - b. Rich or poor, educated or non-educated, religious or irreligious—we all need _____.
 - c. The gospel is not something we keep; it something we _____.

- 6) The Gospel came to you because it was headed somewhere else _____ you.

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.” ESV