**A Gospel-Centered Perspective**

Whole Bible Series

Sermon 41: Romans

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**SERMON NOTES**

*Intro: The church in Rome was divided between Jews and Gentiles because they didn’t realize they stood before God as equals!*

Chapter 1: \_\_\_\_\_ humanity rebelled against God’s Law

*To appreciate the Gospel, we must understand why it was necessary.*

Chapter 2: We all are equally under God’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter 3: God’s Law is *not* a means of self-justification, but a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of our sinfulness

Chapter 4: Forgiveness is available through \_\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus!

Chapter 5: Through Jesus, we have \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ with God!

Chapter 6: We are now \_\_\_\_\_\_ to sin and servants of righteousness

*Note: Chapter 7 speaks of Paul’s past experience in the “historical present."*

Chapter 7: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ slavery to sin

Chapter 8: Life in the Spirit has \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a life of entrapment to the body’s sinful desires

Chapter 9: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ attain right standing with God, while many Jews squander their greater opportunity

Chapter 10: Salvation through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus is available to all, so spread the good news!

Chapter 11: The “remnant”

Chapters 12-14: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the implications of the Gospel

Chapter 15: The others-centered \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus

Chapter 16: Warning against divisive teaching / doxology

**Questions for Small Groups or Individual Study**

1. Discuss: 1:18-23 says that God has revealed His Law to everyone, even if they’ve never heard of the Bible. How do we witness this being true?
2. Read 2:1-6. What is wrong with our judgmental attitudes towards other people’s sins? How can we guard ourselves against looking down our noses or badmouthing people who are living sinfully?
3. Chapter 6 gives the theological basis for why believers no longer live in bondage to sin. Discuss how baptism expresses this reality?
4. In chapter 8, the “secret” to victorious Christian living is life “in the Spirit.” What are some practices and habits of a person who is living in the Spirit? How do you personally practice these?
5. Bible Study: Read chapters 12-14 slowly, asking to God to reveal to you how He wants you to better live out the Gospel’s implications. Discuss what God showed you with the group.

**Prayer from Romans**

 “Thank you, Father, for loving us enough to send Jesus, even when we were under your wrath for our sin. Help me to live out what’s true of me through faith, love, and obedience!”

**Answers:** All, **wrath,** revealer, **faith,** peace, **dead**, Remembering, **replaced,** Gentiles, **faith,** Living, **example**