

## Romans Book Outline

Just a joke, having nothing to do with Romans! An article about the benefits of walking created quite some responses. One was this: “My grandfather started walking five miles a day when he was 68. Now he’s 90 years old and we have no idea where he is!”

Draw two circles, one within the other. In the middle circle, write “Spiritual.” Divide the outer circle in three parts, label ‘Emotional’ (your feelings), ‘Mental’ (your thinking), and ‘Physical’ (your body’s urges). First, one has to deal with the inner circle to make permanent changes in the three outward parts. As the middle circle grows, it will start including the three parts of the outer circle and profound affect them until, as you continue growing, everything begins becoming a “spiritual” activity!!

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**\*1:1-7** The writer Paul, his subject Jesus, and the readers ‘saints in Rome’.

**1:8-15** Paul’s plans to visit the Roman Christians and why he’s coming.

**1:16-17** Paul’s purpose in the writing Romans and the theme of the letter: The righteousness of God.

**\*1:18** God’s wrath against ungodliness and unrighteousness of mankind, and the sin that leads to all other sins: suppression of God’s revealed truth.

**1:19-32** The results of suppressing God’s revealed truth: idolatry, dishonored bodies shown in sexual immorality, degrading passions shown in sexual perversion, and depraved thinking revealed in sins against one another.

**2:1-16** Results of suppressing truth for ‘moral’ sinners.

**2:17-3:8** Results of suppressing truth for ‘religious’ sinners.

**3:9-20** Results for every person! Every person is guilty before God, every one!

**\*3:21-31** God’s solution for mankind’s rejection and all sins: Faith in Jesus & His work on the cross. Justified. Redeemed. Propitiated—all by faith in Jesus.

**4:1-25** An OT example of being right with God by faith: Abraham. Not by works, not by a ritual, not by law, but his faith was in the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being that which does not exist! What a God!!

**\*5:1-6:23** The new identity of a justified/righteous person: a contrast between who he/she was IN Adam and who he/she is now IN Christ Jesus: our Lord, Savior, the Jewish Messiah. From being a sinner by nature to being a saint!

**7:1-8:17a** The new way to walk as a justified/righteous person: a contrast between how he/she walked when IN the flesh and how to walk now that he/she’s IN the Spirit. Walk, not by law, not by flesh, but by the Spirit.

**\*8:17b-39** While waiting for the redemption of our bodies and our Lord’s return, the groaning of God’s creation, Christians, and the Spirit. Concentrate on the wonder of who the Biblical God is and what He’s done out of His love.

**\*9:1-11:32** God’s continued plans for the nation of Israel.

**11:33-36** Again, the wonder of who the Biblical God is and what He’s done.

**12:1-15:13** describe the results of **5:1-8:39**.

**\*12:1-2** The expected response to the Biblical God: By individual Christians.

**12:3-21** ...by the Body of Christ: Use spiritual gifts and love one another.

(We could also look at **Eph. 4:1-16**, **1 Cor. 12:4-6**, and **1 Pet. 4:7-11**.)

**13:1-7** ... by Christian citizens.

**13:8-14** The Christian is to owe nothing to anyone except to love one another.

**\*14:1-15:13** Dealing with stumbling block issues for both weak and strong Christians.

**\*15:14-33** Paul’s reasons for writing—to proclaim the Good News of Jesus and to tell them of his travel plans. I love **15:18**.

**16:1-16** Paul greets his friends in Rome. There are 16 commands in these verses.

**(16:17-20** How to deal with people who cause division.)

**16:21-24** A farewell from Paul and his friends.

**16:25-27** To Him who is able to establish you, the only wise God, through Jesus Christ: to Him be glory forever. AMEN!