Romans: The Gospel Changes Everything

Introduction — The Gospel That Changes Everything

Key Verse: Romans 1:16
Big Idea: Romans shows us what God has done through Jesus Christ to save us—and how His grace changes the way we live.

Romans speaks to questions we all ask: How can I be right with God? Why is the world broken? What did Jesus do for me? What changes when I follow Him?

Key Greek Word: *Euangelion* means **good news**. The gospel is the good news of what God has done through Jesus.

1. Romans Is About the Gospel

The gospel is more than advice about improving ourselves. It is news of what God has already done. We cannot earn a right standing with God through good works or religious effort. Through faith in Jesus, we receive forgiveness, new life, and peace with God.

Remember: Obedience is our response to God's love, not a way to earn it.

2. Romans Was Written by a Man Changed by Grace

Paul once persecuted Christians. After meeting the risen Jesus, he became a preacher of the gospel.

Remember: No one is too far gone for God's grace. Paul wrote as someone whose own life had been changed by Jesus.

3. Romans Was Written to Believers in Rome

The church lived in a powerful culture with competing claims on its loyalty. Paul reminded believers that, wherever they lived, they belonged to God.

For us: Our identity begins with being loved by God, called by God, and set apart for God. Our highest allegiance is to Jesus.

4. Romans Shows the Story of Salvation

Chapters	What we will see
Romans 1–4	Why we need the gospel and how God makes sinners right with Himself through faith
Romans 5–8	Peace with God, new life in the Spirit, and assurance in Christ

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Romans 9–11	God's faithfulness to His promises
Romans 12–16	How the gospel shapes worship, relationships, service, unity, and mission

The gospel changes our standing before God, our relationship with sin, the way we treat others, and the way we live each day.

5. Romans Points Us to Christ

Jesus is the righteous One who saves the unrighteous. He died for our sins, rose again, and gives new life to those who trust Him.

Romans will confront and humble us, but it will also comfort us and point us back to Jesus.

What This Means for Us

- **Worship:** We praise God for mercy we could never earn.
- **Relationships:** Grace leaves no room for pride and teaches us to love one another.
- **Our church:** We keep Jesus and His saving work at the center.
- **Our mission:** We can share the gospel with courage because it is the power of God for salvation.

As We Begin, Will I Come…

- **Humbly?** Will I let God's Word tell me the truth about my need?
- **Hungry?** Will I take time to understand what Romans teaches?
- **Personally?** Will I ask what God is showing *me*, not only what someone else needs to hear?
- **Ready to respond?** Will I let the gospel shape my worship, relationships, and choices?

Main Takeaway: God's gospel, received by faith in Jesus Christ, changes everything.

Prayer: Father, open our hearts as we study Romans. Help us trust Jesus more deeply, love one another, and share His good news with courage. Amen.