

River Terrace Church Wednesday Pastor's Study / Fall 2020
Romans: From Sin to Salvation

Objectives:

1. Survey Paul's letter to the church in Rome, becoming more familiar with its overall purpose, structure, and themes.
2. Understand better the first century context for the letter, seeing how Paul was addressing Jewish and Gentile Christians living in the imperial city.
3. Celebrate and gain encouragement from how the gospel of God's grace in Jesus Christ frees both first century and twenty-first century believers from sin and death, bringing them into eternal life, which changes how we live now.

Schedule

Week #	Date	Passage	Theme
1	September 9		(Overview and Schedule)
2	September 16	Chapter 1	Introduction and the Human Fall
3	September 23	Chapter 2	Law and Sin
4	September 30	Chapter 3	Humanity's Indictment
5	October 7	Chapter 4	The Faith of Abraham
6	October 14*	Chapter 5	The New Adam *(<i>Ken's gone on that date</i>)
7	October 21	Chapter 6	Freedom from Sin's Bondage
8	October 28	Chapter 7	Freedom from the Law's Bondage
9	November 4	Chapter 8	The Power of the Spirit
10	November 11	Chapters 9-10	Israel, Part One
11	November 18	Chapter 11	Israel, Part Two
12	November 25	Chapter 12	Giving Our Whole Selves to God
13	December 2	Chapter 13	God and Government
14	December 9	Chapters 14-15	Gentiles and Rome
15	December 16	Chapter 16	Paul's Relationships; Christmas celebration

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