

Week 1

Introduction & Romans 1:1-1:17

Williams 1-18; Morpew 1-20

1. Introduction

- **Importance of Romans**
- **Who**
- **What**
- **How**
- **Where**
- **When**
- **Why**

2. Overview of Romans

Romans reference	TEV	Williams	Morpew
1:1-1:15	Introduction and theme	Introduction	Introduction
1:16-1:17			Title of Romans: Righteousness revealed
1:18-3:20	The need for salvation	The divine 'no'	Righteousness revealed in prosecuting lost humanity
3:21-4:25	God's way of salvation	The divine 'yes' - The Christian life	Righteousness revealed in defending saved humanity
5:1-5:11	The new life in Christ		- Results of justification and bridge to sanctification
5:12-8:39			- Sanctification through union with Christ
9:1-11:36	Israel in the plan of God	The purpose and plan of God	Righteousness revealed towards Israel and gentiles
12:1-15:13	Christian conduct	Christian relationships	Righteousness revealed in Christian relationships
15:14-15:33	Conclusion and personal greetings		
16:1-27			

3. Major themes

- a. **Justification by grace through faith**
- b. **The role of the law**
- c. **Sanctification and life in the Spirit**
- d. **Christian relationships**
- e. **Unity in the church, especially between Jews and gentiles**
- f. **Righteousness of God**
- g. **Gospel of Christ**

4.

Study tools

MEMORABLE VERSES

[T]he gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 1:2-4

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'

Romans 1:16-17

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5.

Romans 1:1 - Romans 1:17

- **Overview**
- **Important, difficult issues**
- **Interesting sidelights**
- **Relevance**
- **Memorable verses**