

Week 5

Romans 10:1-12:21

Williams 72-86; Morphew 74-83

1:1 - 1:17	1:18 - 3:20	3:21 - 4:25	5:1 - 8:39	9:1 - 11:36	12:1 - 15:13	15:14 - 16:27
Intro	All have sinned - Prosecution - Divine 'no'	Justification by faith- Defence - Divine 'yes'	Sanctification - New life in Christ	God's plan for Jews and Gentiles	Imperative - Christian relationships	Conclusion

1. Overview

God's plan for Jews and Gentiles - 9:1-11:36 (con'd)

- **10:1-10:13:** Christ has brought to an end and fulfilled the law. Now all who confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that God raised him from the dead are saved.
- **10:14-10:21:** Such faith comes from hearing the message about Jesus, and his messengers must proclaim it. The problem with most of Israel is not that they haven't heard this message, though, but that they rejected it.
- **11:1-11:10:** God has not rejected the Jewish people. He has given a 'remnant' (including Paul) grace to believe, but he 'hardened' the majority in their unbelief. Remember, his grace is never based on what people deserve.
- **11:11-11:32:** This 'hardening' has allowed Gentiles to be saved, but is not permanent. When the complete number of Gentiles has believed, the 'hardening' will end, and all Israel will be saved for the sake of God's covenant with the patriarchs. Praise God!

Christian relationships - 12:1-15:13

- **12:1-12:21:** In light of all this,
 - 1: Offer your bodies as living sacrifices to God.
 - 2: Don't conform. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
 - 3: Don't think more highly of yourself than you should.
 - 6: Use your gifts according to the grace God has given you.
 - 9: Let love be sincere. Hate evil. Cling to the good.
 - 10: Love and honour each other.
 - 11: Serve the Lord passionately.
 - 12: Be joyful in hope, patient in suffering, faithful in prayer.
 - 13: Show hospitality. Share with the needy among God's people.
 - 14: Bless those who curse you.
 - 15: Rejoice with those that rejoice. Mourn with those that mourn.
 - 16: Live in harmony. Don't be proud.
 - 17: Don't repay evil, but do good.
 - 18: Do what you can to live at peace with everyone.
 - 19: Don't take revenge.
 - 21: Overcome evil with good.

2. **Important Issues**

- God's plans for Jews and Gentiles
- 'Election' or 'predestination'

3. **Sidelights / Questions**

- The 'end' or 'fulfilment' (telos τελος) of the law

4. **Application**

- The right response to 'election' or 'predestination'
- The church as the Israel of God
- Romans 12: The 'so what' of Romans: our response to God's grace

5. **Memorable Verses**

- **Romans 10:8-9:** 'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,' that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
- **Romans 10:14-15:** How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'
- **Romans 11:33-36:** Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! 'Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor?' 'Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?' For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.
- **Romans 12:1-2:** Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
- **Romans 12:4-5:** Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.
- **Romans 12:9-10:** Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

Don Williams, Call to Community, Our gift and task: To be Israel to our Generation

http://www.vineyardusa.org/events/national_events/2001/conference/