

Week 6

Romans 13:1-16:27

Williams 86-101; Morphew 83-88

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

Christian relationships - 12:1-15:13 (con'd)

- Note that imperatives continue:

13:1: Submit yourselves to the governing authorities.
 13:3: Do what is right.
 13:5: Therefore submit.
 13:7: Give everyone their due.
 13:8: Love one another.
 13:11: Do this, understanding the present time.
 13:12: Put aside deeds of darkness, put on the armour of light.
 13:13: Behave decently.
 13:14: Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ.
 14:1: Accept him whose faith is weak.
 14:5: Be fully convinced in your own mind.
 14:13: Stop passing judgement.
 14:14: Put no stumbling block in your brother's way.
 14:15: Don't destroy your brother.
 14:16: Don't allow good to be spoken of as evil.
 14:19: Do what leads to peace and edification.
 14:20: Don't destroy the work of God for the sake of food.
 14:22: Keep what you believe about these things to yourself.
 15:1-2: Bear with the weak. Build up your neighbour.
 15:7: Accept each other as Christ accepted you.
 16:17: Watch out for those causing division.

- 13:1-7: Submit to governing authorities, not only out of fear of punishment but also as a matter of conscience. All authority has been established by God for our good.
- 13:8-14: Love each other. 'Loving your neighbour as yourself' sums up and fulfils the whole law. Loving each other and avoiding evil behaviour are particularly important because our final redemption draws near.
- 14:1-15:13: Don't judge or condemn each other about non-essentials. How you yourself proceed on non-essentials must be based on faith, but you must accept and not violate your brother's conscience on such matters. God's kingdom is not about these things but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion - 15:14-16:27

- 15:14-15:33: **I plan to take the Gentile churches' donations to Jerusalem for the poor Jewish Christians there, and then head for Spain. My calling and desire is to proclaim the Messiah, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to such Gentiles that haven't yet heard. I will come via Rome, where we can give and receive much from each other. Pray especially for my Jerusalem trip, which is likely to be contentious.**
- 16:1-16:27: **Receive Phoebe warmly. Give my greetings to 29-plus people there by name. Watch out for deceivers. Praise the Lord!**

2. Important Issues / Application

- Governmental authority
- Debatable matters of conscience
- Importance of people

3. Sidelights / Questions

- Historical setting of Romans 13
- The vegetarians / teetotals in Romans 14
- Tie-in of conclusion (15:14-33) with introduction (1:1-1:15)
- Assumed presence of the miraculous
- Who were the individuals listed in Romans 16
- Paul's views on women in the church
- Variant endings of Romans

4. Memorable Verses

- Romans 13:1: **Everyone must submit to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.**
- Romans 13:7: **Give everyone what you owe him: If you own taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honour, then honour.**
- Romans 13:8: **Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law.**
- Romans 13:14: **Clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.**
- Romans 14:1: **Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgement on disputable matters.**
- Romans 14:5: **One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.**
- Romans 14:7: **For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.**
- Romans 14:17: **For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.**
- Romans 15:7: **Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.**