

# PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

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## Why Romans

1. Romans is a very complete EXAMINATION of the Christian faith that is ESSENTIAL for every Christian to know.
2. Romans DEALS with some DIFFICULT subjects that need to be addressed.
3. Romans EQUIPS the follower for EFFECTIVE ministry.

### I. The GOSPEL is good news. Romans 1:1-2

- **Gospel** - good news of the Kingdom of God. The good news of salvation through Christ; Christ came as God incarnate, died for our sins & was resurrected as the first fruits of those who put their faith in Christ.

#### **Application**

Will your FAITH in Christ determine your outlook on life or will your CIRCUMSTANCES determine your outlook?

### II. It is good news that Jesus Christ is fully HUMAN, descended from David, & fully GOD as proven by His resurrection. Romans 1:3-4

- A.** Jesus UNDERSTANDS & SYMPATHIZES with you. Hebrews 4:15

#### **Application**

Do you KNOW Jesus as your sympathetic high priest?

- B.** Jesus TAKES AWAY your sins. Hebrews 10:11-18

#### **God Math**

100% GOD + 100% MAN = the ability to pay for all your sins

#### **Application**

Are you in AWE of the resurrected Jesus?

### III. God offers the good news of GRACE & PEACE to those in Christ. Romans 1:5-7

- **Grace** - the EMPOWERMENT of God to be saved & to live the Christian life.
- **Peace** - state of untroubled, undisturbed, well-being. This peace can only be the RESULT of RECONCILIATION with God by faith in Christ.

## Conclusion:

Respond in OBEDIENCE, that is rooted in faith, to the gospel.

**FOR FURTHER STUDY:** Look at the part of the note guide titled "Why Romans." Which one of the three reasons given for studying Romans are you most interested in? Why? Read Romans 1:1-7. What points does Paul make in this salutation? Why is this salutation good news?

# THE BIG 3

THREE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

## GROWTH GROUPS

Growth Groups (Sunday morning & mid-week) will begin the week of Sunday, January 10. This is a great opportunity to get connected here at GracePoint & be challenged to grow in your faith. You can sign-up three ways:

1. Growth Group kiosk in the foyer
2. Email Pastor Dave at [dhopewell@gracepointwesleyan.org](mailto:dhopewell@gracepointwesleyan.org)
3. Go to <http://www.gracepointwesleyan.org/growth-groups-signup.html>

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE

There will be **no KidsPoint, Collide or Wednesday night Adult Growth Groups** on Wednesday, January 6 (unless otherwise scheduled by your group). All regular activities will begin again on Wednesday, January 13. Have a blessed New Year!

## MEMBERSHIP CLASS

January 31, 2016

Pastor Aaron will be leading a Membership Class on Sunday, January 31 at 10 a.m. in Room 200. Please sign-up for this class at the Info Center or by contacting the church office, 692-6671 or [info@gracepointwesleyan.org](mailto:info@gracepointwesleyan.org).



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