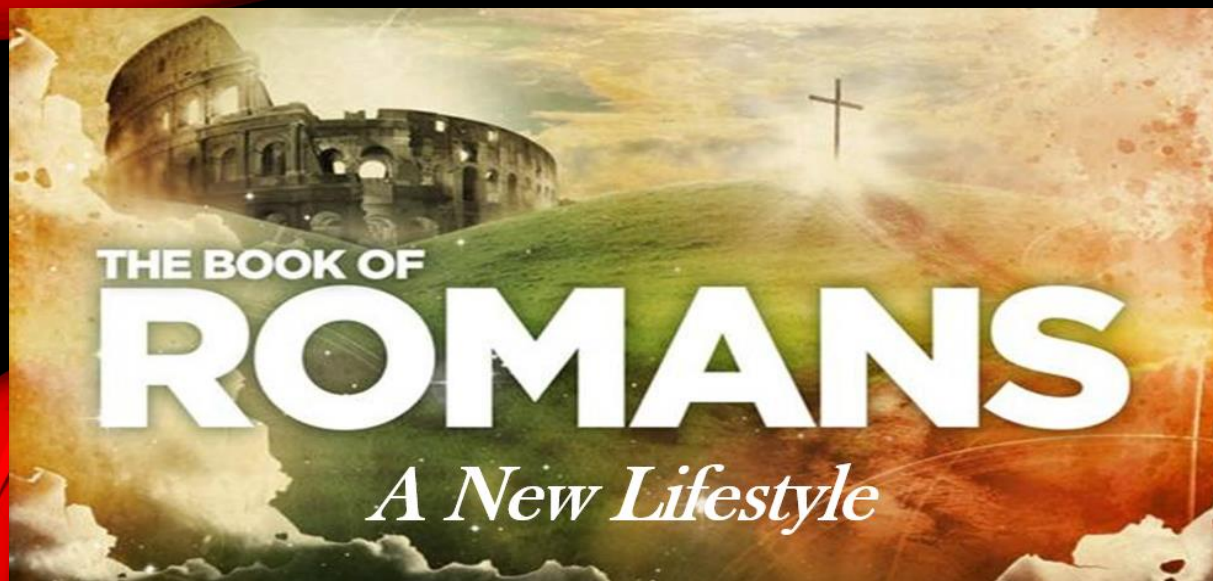


SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



SRMBC 1ST & 2ND QTR BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Date	Lesson Title	Scripture
1/10/2018	Good News from God	Romans 1:1 -17
1/24/2018	The Wrath of God	Romans 1:18 - 32
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4/18/2018	The Righteousness from God	Romans 3:21 – 31
4/25/2018	The Example of Abraham	Romans 4
5/2/2018	Reasons to Rejoice	Romans 5
5/9/2018	New Life, New Lifestyle	Romans 6:1 – 7:6
5/16/2018	Our Struggle with Sin	Romans 7:7 – 25
5/23/2018	The Spirit Brings Life	Romans 8
5/30/2018	The Potter & His Clay	Romans 9
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6/13/2018	The Future of Israel	Romans 11
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Romans: A New Lifestyle: **Lesson 8: New Life, New Lifestyle** Romans 6:1 – 7:6

The Robe: Peter and Marcellus

In the classic movie, "The Robe", there was a scene where Marcellus, the Roman soldier, is talking to Peter.

- Marcellus confesses the blight on his soul. He was the commander of the troops who crucified Jesus.
- Peter reminds Marcellus that Jesus forgave him from the Cross
- Marcellus replies with a pledge of faith and total allegiance as a disciple of Christ.



The Apostle Paul – The Letter to the Romans

- **Author:** Romans 1:1 identifies the author of the Book of Romans as the apostle Paul.
- **Date of Writing:** The Book of Romans was likely written A.D. 56-58.
- **Purpose of Writing:** His purpose in writing was to proclaim Jesus Christ by teaching doctrine and edify and encourage the believers.

The Book Of Romans Tells Us:

- About God, who He is and what He has done.
- It tells us of Jesus Christ, what His death and resurrection accomplished.
- It tells us about ourselves, what we were like without Christ and who we are after trusting in Christ.



Group Discussion:

How does the knowledge that God has and always will forgive us affect attitudes toward obedience? Explain.

- It could be like having car insurance. The assurance of accident coverage but not to drive/live recklessly.
- Some might think that since there is forgiveness there is a tendency to live sinfully (“blank check sinning”).
- We ought to be joyfully obedient when we consider how much we have been blessed and forgiven by the Lord through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:1- 5 (NLT)

1 Well then, should **we keep on sinning** so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace?

2 **Of course not!** Since **we have died to sin**, how can we continue to **live in it**?

3 Or have you forgotten that when we were **joined with Christ** Jesus in baptism, we **joined him in his death**?

4 For **we died** and were buried **with Christ by baptism**. And just as Christ was **raised from the dead** by the glorious power of the Father, now **we also may live new lives**.

5 Since we have been united **with him in his death**, we will also be **raised to life** as he was.

Romans 6:6-10 (NLT)

6 **We know** that our old sinful selves were **crucified with Christ** so that sin might lose its power in our lives. **We are no longer slaves to sin**.

7 For when **we died with Christ** we were set **free from the power of sin**.

8 And since we **died with Christ**, we know we will also **live with him**.

9 We are sure of this because **Christ was raised from the dead**, and he will **never die again**. Death no longer has any power over him.

10 When **he died**, he died once to **break the power of sin**. But now that **he lives**, he lives for **the glory of God**.

Romans 6:11 – 14 (NLT)

11 So **you also** should consider yourselves to be **dead to the power of sin** and alive to God **through Christ Jesus**.

12 Do not let **sin control** the way you live; do not **give in to sinful desires**.

13 Do not let **any part** of your body become an instrument of evil **to serve sin**. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now **you have new life**. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is **right for the glory of God**.

14 **Sin is no longer your master**, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the **freedom of God's grace**.

1. In what sense was our baptism both a funeral and a resurrection (6:1-4)?

<u>A Funeral</u>	<u>A Resurrection</u>
Death to sin – our former desires in disobedience to God	Resurrection – to the power of the Grace of God
Death to our old life – our thoughts, attitudes and actions	Resurrection to new desires, new attitudes under the Hand of God
Death – Identification with Christ in His death in of our self-will	Resurrection to a brand-new Life and way of living for God's glory

Notes:

- It is clear from chapter 4 that Paul understood the difference between a sign of Baptism and what it signified.
- Likewise, in the early church, baptism was the visible and public sign that a person accepted Christ as his or her Savior.
- As such Baptism was/is the event that outwardly marked one's acceptance into the church.
- Baptism does make you saved (faith in Jesus does) it is the outward expression of an inward reality.

2. Our “old self” (6:6) refers to everything we were as non-Christians. When our old self was crucified with Christ, in what sense was sin rendered powerless (6:5-7)?

How Sin is Rendered Powerless:

- We are no longer united to sin – but united in Christ.
- Our old lives – our way of thinking, being and doing have been crucified/nailed to the Cross with Christ.
- We have been set free (not to keep on sinning) from the power of sin – sin’s pull.

Instead of the phrase rendered powerless in verse 6, some translations have the word destroyed. The phrase “powerless” captures Paul’s meaning best.

3. If sin has been rendered powerless and we have been freed from sin, why do we still sin?

Why Do We Still Sin?

- While the old man is crucified – our sinful flesh is still there.
- The World, the flesh and the devil are work in tandem to tempt us to sin.
- Sometimes we don’t realize, or we fail to recognize that we are free from sin – not by our power – but by God’s power.

Anyone could testify to the presence of sin in our lives. But sin even though still present, is no longer our master.

4. Sin reigns over a person until death. How has Christ freed us from this tyranny (6:8-11)?

- Since Christ died for us – He gives the power to live for Him.
- Christ has broken the power of sin by His resurrection and is alive.
- Christ gives us a new mindset we don't have to be slaves to our sinful passions anymore.
- Sin no longer has a hold on us anymore – God is our aim and focus we live to please Him and not ourselves.

When we acknowledge the living Christ in our lives – we will be better and able to live in the power of Jesus – free to serve and not to sin.

5. If we realize sin is no longer our master, how should our lives be different (6:12-14)?

- We won't let our worldly sinful feelings and desires control us anymore (cussing, lust, anger, laziness, drunkenness, pleasure, etc.)
- We watch and take charge of what we do – (stop watching, touching, etc.)
- Instead of doing wrong, sinful things we do the things that please God (Prayer, Bible reading, Church, Giving, Serving).
- We choose to do things that glorify God rather than ourselves, our flesh.

Our success in ridding our lives of sinful behavior often depends on putting righteous behavior in its place.

Romans 6:15 – 19 (NLT)

15 Well then, since **God's grace** has set us **free from the law**, does that mean we can go on sinning? **Of course not!**

16 Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? **You can be a slave to sin**, which **leads to death**, or you can choose to **obey God**, which leads to **righteous living**.

17 **Thank God!** Once you were **slaves of sin**, but now you wholeheartedly **obey this teaching** we have given you.

18 **Now** you are **free from your slavery to sin**, and you have become **slaves to righteous living**.

19 Because of the **weakness of your human nature**, I am using the **illustration of slavery** to help you understand all this. Previously, you let yourselves be **slaves to impurity and lawlessness**, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give yourselves to **be slaves to righteous living** so that you will **become holy**.

Romans 6:20 - 23 (NLT)

20 When you were **slaves to sin**, you were free from the obligation **to do right**.

21 And what was the result? **You are now ashamed** of the things you used to do, things that end in **eternal doom**.

22 But now **you are free from the power of sin** and have become **slaves of God**. Now you do those things that lead to **holiness and result in eternal life**.

23 For the **wages of sin is death**, but the free **gift of God** is eternal life **through Christ Jesus** our Lord.

Romans 7:1 - 6 (NLT)

1 Now, dear **brothers and sisters**—you who are familiar with **the law**—don't you know that the law applies only while **a person is living**?

2 For example, when **a woman marries**, the **law binds her** to her husband as long **as he is alive**. But if **he dies**, the laws of marriage **no longer apply to her**.

3 So while **her husband is alive**, she would be **committing adultery** if she **married another man**. But if her **husband dies**, she is **free from that law** and does not commit adultery **when she remarries**.

4 So, my dear brothers and sisters, this is the point: **You died to the power of the law** when you **died with Christ**. And now you are united with the one who was **raised from the dead**. As a result, we can produce a harvest of **good deeds for God**.

Romans 7:1 - 6 (NLT)

5 When we were controlled by **our old nature**, sinful desires were at work within us, and the **law aroused these evil desires** that **produced a harvest** of sinful deeds, resulting **in death**.

6 **But now** we have been **released from the law**, for we died to it and are no longer captive to its power. Now **we can serve God**, not in the old way of obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way of living in the Spirit.

6. Paul compares both our old life and our new to slavery. Why is this analogy appropriate in each case (6:15-18)?

- It is important to note that Grace and freedom from the Law does not mean that we can keep on sinning.
- The main principle here is that whatever influence you obey – you eventually become a slave to (Sin's lifestyle or God's lifestyle).
- For believers – we are longer slaves to our old lifestyle – but are slaves to God and His life for us in Christ Jesus.

Paul is not suggesting that when we sin we cease to be slaves of righteousness and become slaves of sin. Rather that sin is inappropriate because we are slaves of righteousness.

7. How does our slavery to God differ from our slavery to sin (6:19-23)?

<u>Old Life (Slavery to Sin)</u>	<u>New Life (Slavery to God)</u>
Sin is the Master	God/Christ is the Master
Sin-slavery leads to more sinful living	Slavery to God leads to righteous living
Sin slavery leads to death	Slavery to God leads to life
Sin-slavery brings shame	God Slavery leads to holiness

8. What common themes are emphasized in these illustrations? How do Paul's illustrations assure and encourage you in your struggle against sin?

Themes of Baptism

- Death of the old man – desires, thoughts actions.
- Identification with Christ in His death and Life.
- Raised to new life (I've got a new attitude).

Themes of Slavery

- No longer are we mastered by the power of sin.
- Sin's master leads to death.
- As Slaves to God – we are free to live in righteousness.

Themes of Marriage

- We are no longer married to the law /sinful nature.
- Because we died (our sinful nature) with Christ we are no longer under its control.
- We are now "married" to Christ – free to live with and for Him.

Assurances and Encouragements

- Sin/my old life is no longer in control.
- All of my sin and old life has been nailed to Cross.
- I have a new life with the risen Christ.
- As I commit to following Christ I can live a life of righteousness.

KEYS FOR LIVING

- *Our "old man" of sin has been put to death by our faith in Christ. Yet each of us needs to purposely and diligently determine to, by the Spirit, walk out our new life in Christ.*
- *The grace and the forgiveness of God in Jesus Christ does not free us to sin, but frees us to live in holiness.*
- *As believers, we are no longer slaves to sin, but are slaves to God in Jesus Christ. It is in the servitude to God and the Gospel that we truly find freedom.*

