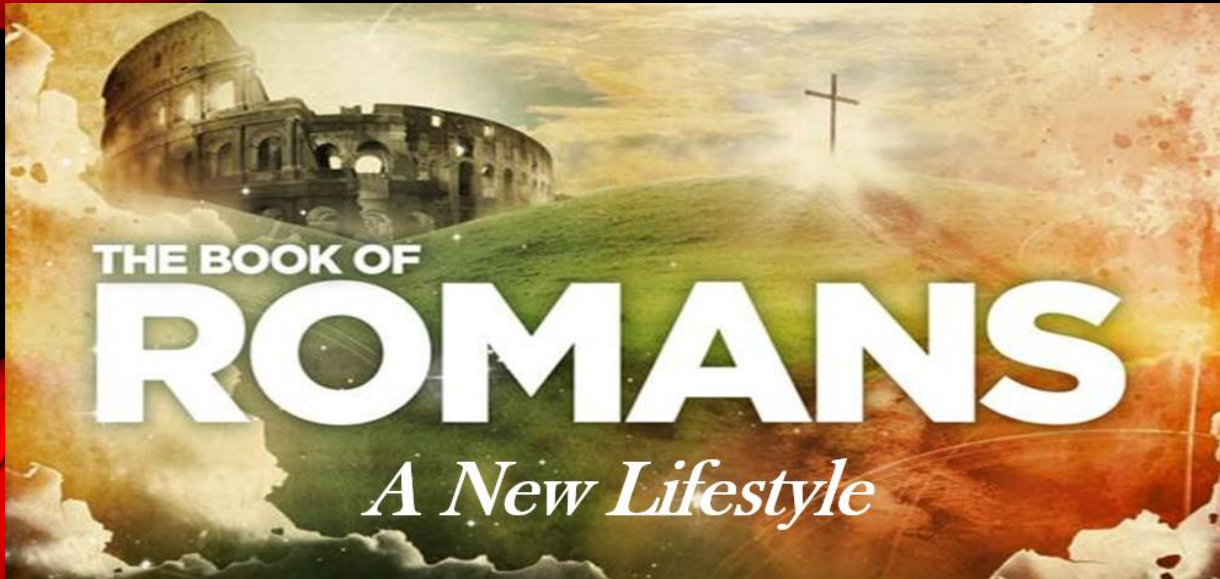


SRMBC FAMILY BIBLE STUDY



SRMBC OCTOBER BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE

Date	Lesson Title	Scripture
10/10/2018	To Eat or Not to Eat	Romans 14
10/17/2018	No Study - PBSC	N/A
10/24/2018	Unity Hope & Praise	Romans 15:1 - 13
10/31/2018	Sharing the Mission	Romans 15:14 - 33
11/7/2018	Keeping Friends	Romans 16

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Romans: A New Lifestyle: Lesson 18: Unity, Hope & Praise Romans 15:1 - 13

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:

“You deserve the best.” “Look out for number one.” “Pamper yourself.” “I’m worth it.”
Why do you think these slogans have become the mindset of our culture?

Thinking only about ourselves is totally natural for us – it is truly the “American Way”

When is self-concern appropriate, and when does it turn into selfishness?



Romans 15:1 - 5 (NKJV)

1 We then who are **strong** ought to **bear** with the scruples of the **weak**, and not to **please ourselves**.

2 Let each of us **please his neighbor** for his good, leading to **edification**.

3 For even **Christ did not please Himself**; but as it is written, “The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me.”

4 For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the **patience and comfort of the Scriptures** might have hope.

5 Now may **the God of patience and comfort** grant you to be **like-minded** toward one another, **according to Christ Jesus**,

Romans 15:6 - 10 (NKJV)

6 that you may with **one mind** and **one mouth glorify the God** and Father of our **Lord Jesus Christ**.

7 Therefore **receive one another**, just as **Christ also received us**, to the glory of God.

8 Now I say that **Jesus Christ has become a servant** to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers,

9 and that the **Gentiles might glorify God** for His mercy, as it is written: "For this reason I will confess to You among the Gentiles, And sing to Your name."

10 And again he says: "**Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people!**"

Romans 15:11 - 13 (NKJV)

11 And again: "**Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles!** Laud Him, all you peoples!"

12 And again, **Isaiah says: "There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope."**

13 Now may **the God of hope** fill you with all **joy and peace in believing**, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

1. What words and phrases throughout this passage indicate how we are to treat one another?

Verses	Phrases
Vs. 1	who are strong ought to bear with the scruples of the weak, and not to please ourselves
Vs. 2	each of us please his neighbor for his good
Vs. 5	grant you to be like-minded toward one another
Vs. 6	one mind and one mouth
Vs. 7	receive one another, just as Christ also received us
Vs 10	Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people

Verses	Words
Vs. 2	Edification
Vs. 4	Patience and Comfort
Vs. 8	Servant
Vs. 9	Glorify; Sing
Vv. 4, 12, 13	Hope
Vv. 10 - 13	Rejoice; Praise Laud, Joy
Vs. 13	Believing; Peace

2. In light of Romans 14, who are the strong and weak that Paul mentions in 15:1?

What Paul means by "**weak**" faith. In this context he does not mean a weak trust in God but rather all incomplete or inaccurate understanding of the Christian life

The "**strong**" are those who are firmly established and mature in the faith. They know that they (nor anyone) cannot "earn" status by their good works.



3. What personal attitudes might hinder or help us to bear with the failings of the weak (vv. 1-2)? Explain why.

Hindering Attitudes	Why It Hinders	Helping Attitudes	Why It Helps
Pleasing Ourselves	When we think that everything revolves around us we can become condescending to others. We make no time for others.	Pleasing Others	Not simply being a "people pleaser" but someone who genuinely has the Joy and the love of Christ for others – People will want to be around us
Seeking To Do Evil To Others	Seeking to show off or knowledge to embarrass others (especially publicly) – a bad attitude towards others.	Doing Good for	A person who says – How can I help? – Not primarily what can I get? – People will come to you for help
Seeking To Tear Down Others	Sometimes we make corrections in order to put people down – Not to correct them and help them do better. Not patient with the shortcomings of others.	Leading to Edification	People will be able to trust you and will feel comfortable coming to you for help

4. Why are Bible study and prayer (vv. 4-5) essential if we are to maintain these attitudes?

The Word

Endurance and encouragement come from the Scriptures (v. 4),

(Ex. **Matt 4:4** "*But Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "*")

Prayer

And they come from God (v. 5), the author of Scripture - Ex. **Ps. 138:3** – "On the day I called, You answered me; You made me bold and strengthened my soul."

5. In contrast to the discord and possible verbal abuse hinted at in Romans 14, what does God desire of us (vv. 5-6)?

- Like Mindedness – Unity
- As Brother and Sisters in Christ – We Are Family
- Unity in Mind and Voice In Praise Unto God And Jesus Christ



Paul underscores the fact that **we are one in Christ despite our differences.** It is important that we exhibit that unity in our **fellowship** and **worship.**

6. How can the fact that Christ has accepted us promote both unity and praise (v. 7)?

Therefore Receive One Another:

Instead of letting issues divide Christians we should receive one another just as Christ received us – in the terms of pure grace, **knowing yet bearing with our faults.**

Just As Christ Also Received Us:

Christ did not receive us because we were perfect, But, in loving condescension covering our faults, seeking our good, he welcomed us.

In the same way, and with the same purpose, let us receive one another.



7. In verses 9-12 Paul quotes from four different Old Testament passages. What words and phrases express the dominant mood of these verses?

Phrases	OT Scripture Reference
I will confess to You among the Gentiles, and <u>sing</u> to Your name."	Psalms 18:49; 2 Samuel 22:50
<u>Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people</u>	Deuteronomy 32:4
<u>Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles</u> - Laud Him, <u>all you peoples</u>	Psalms 117:1
<u>There shall be a root of Jesse</u> - In Him the <u>Gentiles shall hope</u>	Isaiah 11:10

- The theme is the unified worship of Jesus by Jews and Gentiles (all people from every nation) together.
- When this occurs we fulfill those Old Testament Scriptures that foretold the day when Gentiles would praise God and put their hope in him (vv. Romans 15:7-13).

8. How would you describe what is taking place in Paul's description? How can we become those whose lives overflow with joy, peace and hope (v. 13)?

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13



How We Can Overflow:

- **Empty Ourselves** – by prayer and submission give up our Will for Will of the Lord (Matt, 16:24 - 26).
- **Fill Ourselves** – With Prayer, the Word, Worship and Service (Rom 12:1).
- **Ask The Lord To Fill Us** with His Spirit - and commit to walking in the Spirit (Luke 11:13; Gal 5:16).

KEYS FOR LIVING

- *Just as God the Father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit are One, we the church are called operate and function as one Body in Christ.*
- *As we are all members of the Family of God, we have the privilege of sharing the joy of worship and praise of Jesus with one another.*
- *The more we study the Word, pray and worship together, the better we will know Jesus and know one another.*



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Romans 15:6