

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Discipleship Training**

How to participate in the "Romans Bible Study":


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Romans 4 – 5:11

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Justification by faith (Abraham)

1. We share Abraham's faith in Christ (4:16-25)
2. We are reconciled to God by Christ (5:1-11)


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Justification by faith (Abraham)

Q4: Do you think that fallen man is naturally inclined to exclude works from his standing before God?
Why or why not?




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Week 6 – Union with the Second Adam (5:12 – 6:23)

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Week 6: Objectives

1. Understand the connection between Adam and Christ
2. Grow in our understanding of, and appreciation for, how Holy Baptism unites us to Christ
3. Let our union with Christ strengthen us in our battle against sin

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All mankind is in Adam (5:12 – 5:21)

1. Original sin (5:15 – 17)
2. Actual sin (5:12 – 14)
 - A. Transgression of God's law
 - B. Distinction from original sin does not mean original sin has no effect

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All mankind is in Adam (5:12 – 5:21)

3. Death and corruption
 - A. In Adam's fall, God gives man over to corruption and decay (5:12 – 14)
 - B. The reality of sin is proved by our corruptibility: We know that we sin because we (all mankind) die

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All mankind is in Adam (5:12 – 5:21)

Q1:

Do you regularly view death as proof of the reality of sin in the world?



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Mankind Restored (5:18-21)

1. In the Incarnation, God the Son takes all of humanity to Himself by assuming our very nature

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Mankind Restored (5:18-21)

2. Mankind is fallen in Adam, restored in Christ
 - A. The trespass of one led to condemnation (5:18)
 - B. The righteousness of One leads to life (5:18)
 - C. Both Adam and Christ are true man, but only One is also True God!

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Mankind Restored (5:18-21)

3. Chapters 5 and 6 demonstrate God cares about physical "stuff"
 - A. We are not Gnostics
 - B. Incarnation: The "en-fleshing" of the Word ("we touched with our hands" - 1 Jn 1:1)
 - C. Corruption: The decaying of tangible material
 - D. Resurrection: Real tomb, true body and soul
 - E. Baptism: Real water; sensible

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Mankind Restored (5:18-21)

Q2:

Do you sometimes see, in the world and even in Christianity, a denial that physical "stuff" matters? How can Romans help you respond?



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United to Christ by Baptism (6:1-23)

1. In baptism, you are made one with Christ
 - A. His death is yours (6:3, 4)
 - B. His Resurrection is yours (6:4)
2. Our union with Christ and His Resurrection necessarily mean we now walk "in newness of life" (6:4)

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United to Christ by Baptism (6:1-23)

3. The union of faith (Christ present in faith)
4. The mystical union (Christ in us, we in Christ)
5. Baptism is Paul's reason for why we should no longer "live in sin" (6:2)

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United to Christ by Baptism (6:1–23)

6. The physical reality of baptism reflects the true, physical reality of our union with Christ (6:5-14)

- A. Luther: The drowning of our "old man" is a daily reality
- B. Christ's real, bodily resurrection means death no longer has dominion over our bodies

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United to Christ by Baptism (6:1 – 23)

7. Freedom from accusation of the law (6:14)

- A. No longer slaves to sin, but slaves to righteousness
- B. Eternal life in Christ is a free gift

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United to Christ by Baptism (6:1 – 23)

Q3:

Does your baptism give you comfort in your daily life?

Do you think about it?




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Week 7 – The law and sin in the Christian life (7:1-25)

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Week 7: Objectives

1. Grow in our understanding of how God's law impacts us
2. Grow in appreciation for the helps we have in the fight against sin

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The 3 uses/functions of the law

1. First use: Curb
2. Second use: Accusation (7:7)
3. Third use: Guide (7:14, 15, 19, 22)
4. The 3 uses of the law are a reality in the Christian life


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The 3 uses/functions of the law

Q1:
How do you see the 3 uses of the law playing out practically in the Christian life?



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The law, the flesh, and sin

1. For those in the flesh, sinful passions are exacerbated by the law (7:5)
 - A. Natural law: Revisited (cf Ch 1)
 - B. The flesh/body weakened due to the fall
 - Sarx-soma distinction
 - Death and corruption a reality

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The law, the flesh, and sin

2. The law is *not* sin (7:7, 12)
 - A. The problem lies not in the law, but in fallen man
 - B. The law is holy and good (reflects God's being)
 - C. The problem of antinomianism

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The law, the flesh, and sin

Q2:

How can we work against the pitfall of antinomianism, but also avoid legalism?

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The Christian fight against sin

1. Romans 7:15-25
2. The law of the mind (7:23, 25)
 - A. The mind transformed by Christ
 - B. Knowledge of the will of God
 - C. Serving God in the "new way of the Holy Spirit" (7:6)

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The Christian fight against sin

3. The law of sin in our members (7:23, 25)
4. Union with Christ effects a real change in the mind, will, and body

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Practical implications:

1. Assistance in the fight
2. The Divine Service
 - A. Confession and Absolution
 - B. Increased knowledge of God's will (Old-Testament and Epistle lessons, Gospel, sermon)
 - C. Holy Communion: What better aid in the fight against sinful flesh than the body of Christ Himself?

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Practical implications:

3. Real interaction in the Christian community: Mutual conversation/consolation of the brethren


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Practical implications:

Q3:
What are some other practical considerations you've gained from experience?



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