

Romans Bible Study

**Emmanuel Lutheran Church
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How to participate in the "Romans Bible Study":


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Christ and the True Israel (9:1 – 11:36)

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Objectives

1. Understand St. Paul's view of the relationship between Israel and the Gentiles
2. Understand St. Paul's view of the relationship between Israel and the Church
3. Gain a working knowledge of how St. Paul understands the concepts of God's election and predestination

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"The Cross of Theologians"

1. "Why are some saved, and others not?"

A. Potential answer #1: God

- Double predestination
- "To the glory of God"
- Historical examples: The Reformed branch of the Reformation (Presbyterian, Reformed Baptist)

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"The Cross of Theologians"

1. "Why are some saved, and others not?"

B. Potential answer #2: Man

- Synergism (2 efficient causes in conversion)
- Historical examples: Church bodies focused on the power of fallen man's will in conversion

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"Crux Theologorum," cont'd

1. "Why are some saved, and not others?"

C. Correct answer: It's actually 2 separate questions!

- Why are some saved? God
- Why are some not saved? Man
- Mystery and paradox
- Formula of Concord, Article XI: "Hidden" vs "Revealed" God


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Question 2

Does God's election give you comfort?



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True Israel trusts in Christ

1. Read: (10:1–11:10)
2. Righteousness by the law vs righteousness of faith (10:5 – 11)

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True Israel trusts in Christ

3. No distinction between Jew and Greek (10:12-17)
4. Physical Israel's rejection of the Christ (10:21-11:10)
 - A. The remnant
 - B. "The rest were hardened" (11:7)

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Israel's Restoration in Christ

1. Read: 11:11 – 36
2. Israel's rejection of th Christ has led to salvation for the world (11:11, 15)
3. Paul's ministry to the Gentiles and Israel's jealousy

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Israel's Restoration in Christ

4. Natural branches and the "wild olive shoot" (11:17 – 24)
 - A. Natural branches broken off due to unbelief (Note: Not just by God's abstract/arbitrary predestining)
 - B. Natural branches can be grafted in again by faith in Christ
5. "God has consigned all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all" (11:32)


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Question 3

Does this section of Romans expand your understanding of Israel and the Church? If so, how?




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Christians in the Church and World (Ch 12 – 14)

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Objectives

1. Understand how Christians interact with one another
2. Understand how Christians interact with the world

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Imperatives: Christian in Community

1. Read 12:1-21
2. 3rd Use of the Law: Revisited
3. Our bodies to be presented as living sacrifices (12:1)

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Imperatives: Christian in Community

4. Our minds to be renewed (12:2)
5. Gifts given to persons by the grace of God are to be utilized as "members to a body"


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Question 1

What are some ways in which we present our bodies as living sacrifices?



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God's authority Exercised (by man)

1. Read Romans 13:1-7
2. First Principle: All authority derives from THE authority (God)
 - A. Adam and Eve in the garden
 - B. Christ's own exalted and glorified human nature given authority in time (Matthew 28:18) (the communication of attributes)

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God's authority Exercised (by man)

2. First Principle: All authority derives from THE authority (God)

C. Human government institutions

- God sees fit to maintain order in the world through human gov't
- Resisting authorities (who are acting morally) is resisting God's authority

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God's authority Exercised (by man)

3. Human authority must conform to and promote the good (13:3, 4)

A. Implication: Immoral gov't action can be challenged within reason

B. The Christian cannot cooperate with the gov't in evil (i.e., acts that harm the good)

C. Submission is not "blind," nor lazy


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Question 2

How do you receive Paul's instructions about Christians and human government?



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Causing one another to stumble

1. Read Romans 14:1-23
2. Food, drink, days
3. Passing judgment
4. Christianity is not an independent, individualistic pursuit
5. "Whatever does not proceed from faith is sin" (14:23)


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Question 3

How can we help one another to ensure we aren't causing other Christians to stumble?



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