

IT'S ALL GOOD

An introduction to Romans

**Tonight we'll seek to understand the flow of the book of Romans
as it reflects our good God's grace in salvation.**

I. POSITIVE PRECEPTS - Romans 1-8

- Becoming a believer

A. THE GOSPEL SAVES (1:16)

B. GOD'S GRACE JUSTIFIES (3:24)

C. RIGHTEOUSNESS COMES THROUGH FAITH (4:4-5)

D. WE CAN HAVE PEACE WITH GOD (5:1)

E. CHRIST DIED FOR US AND SAVES US FROM HIS WRATH (5:8-9)

F. GOD GIVES US ETERNAL LIFE (6:22-23)

G. WE'VE BEEN DELIVERED FROM SIN'S BONDAGE (8:1)

H. WE'RE ADOPTED INTO GOD'S FAMILY (8:15-17)

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT INTERCEDES FOR US (8:26-27)

J. OUR SALVATION IS SECURE (8:28-30)

K. GOD'S LOVE IS CERTAIN (8:35-39)

II. PRACTICAL PRINCIPLES - Romans 12-16

- Behaving as believers

A. SERVE - Romans 12 > See 12:1

B. SUBMIT - Romans 13 > See 13:1, 8, 13

C. YIELD - Romans 14:1-15:13 > See 14:1, 13 & 21 with 15:1-2

D. GROW - Romans 15:14- 16:20 > See 15:14, 28 with 16:17

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III. **PROBLEMS PONDERED** - Romans 9-11
 - Befuddled believers

A. CONSIDERATION

1. If believers are secure (8:28-30) and certain of God's love (8:35-39) what about the Jews, God's chosen people? Can they have this security and certainty?
2. Chapters 1-8 indicates that God saves errant sinners, but what about an errant nation?

B. QUESTION: Are Jews unredeemable?

1. Some Issues
 - a. Does God favor on Gentiles mean a damning forgetfulness for Israel? (see 3:29-30)
 - b. Has Israel not stumbled over the need for faith? (9:30-33)
 - c. Are the Jews not a disobedient and obstinate people? (10:21 and see John 1:11)
2. Some Answers
 - a. God called some Jews (9:22-24)
 - b. A remnant of Jews will be saved (9:27)
 - c. Whoever calls will be saved (10:13)
 - d. They have stumbled but not fallen (11:11)
 - e. Their hardening is partial (11:25)
 - f. They will be shown mercy (11:31-32)

C. CHARACTER: Will God keep His promises to Israel?

1. Some Issues
 - a. What about the Jew first priority? (1:16 and 2:9-10)
 - b. Are they not to be "heir of the world?" (4:13)
 - c. If God does not keep His promises to Israel than how can we expect Him to keep His promises to us? (8:28-30)
2. Some Answers
 - a. The true Israel is spiritual and not physical (9:6-8 and see 2:28-29)
 - b. God has not rejected His people (11:1)
 - c. God will graft Israel back into the tree of salvation (11:23-24)
 - d. All Israel will be saved (11:26-27 and see Zech. 12:10)
 - e. God keeps His word (11:28-29)

D. CONCLUSION

1. It's all good ... because we are reassured that all can be saved
2. It's all good ... because we know that God keeps His promises

CONCLUSION: It's great to be saved and serve a truly good God.