

Upcoming Events that are noteworthy

8/1

TOUCH A TRUCK

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PROMOTION SUNDAY

8/10

JOYFUL NOISE

8/11

SEW & KNIT

8/12

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES BEGIN

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Aug 19 Marty

8/13

IGNITE MEN'S DINNER★

8/14 & 8/15

PLACE WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

8/23

ALL THE PRAISE NIGHT OF WORSHIP★

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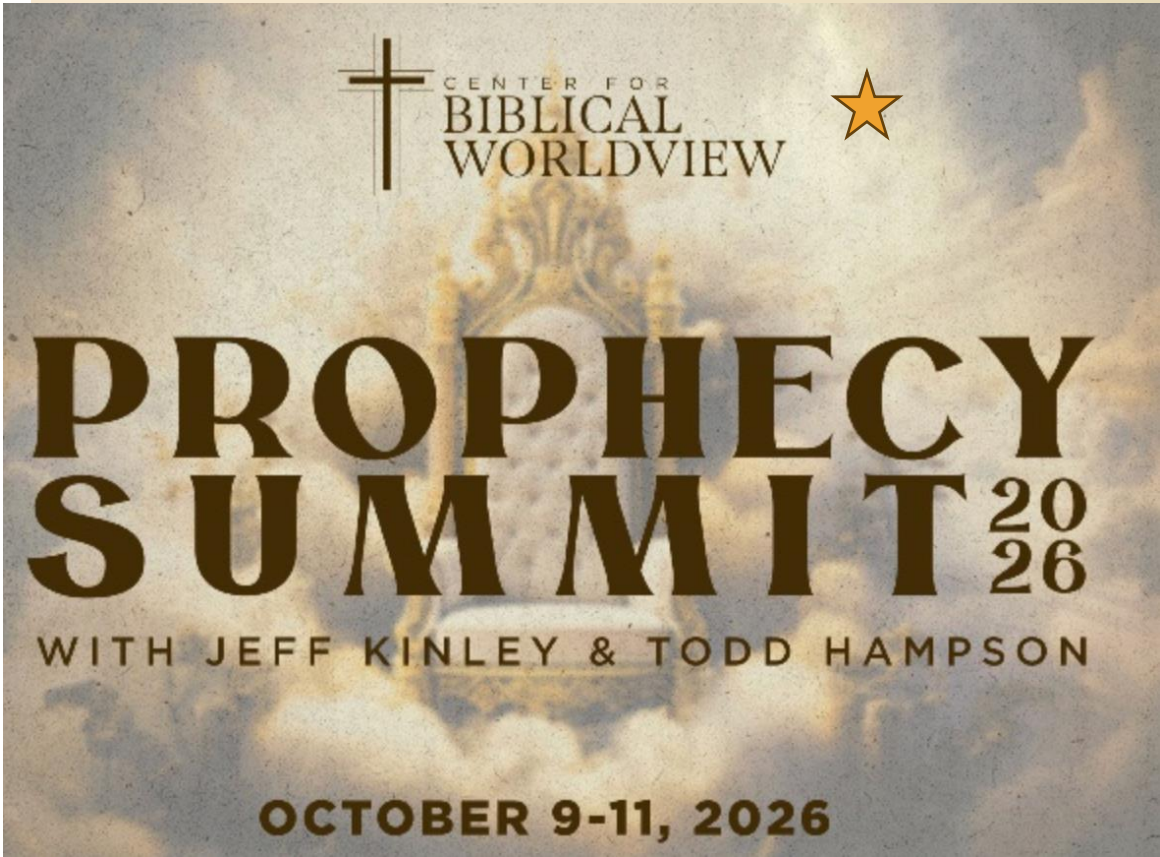
MIDDLE SCHOOL ONE DAY

8/30

LUNCH WITH THE PASTOR

8/30

KEN BOA ECHOES OF THE CREATOR★



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Logos Class

Book of Romans Intro & Ch 1B

Class for Aug 2, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

Class Schedule for the next few weeks

- ✓ *July 26, 2026* *Book of Romans, Intro and Ch 1A*
- ✓ *Aug 2, 2026.* *Romans Ch 1B*
- *Aug 9, 2026* *Romans Ch 2A*
- *Aug 16, 2026.* *Andy Kumar teaching for me*
- *Aug 23, 2026* *Romans Ch 2B*
-  *Aug 28, 2026.* *Ice Cream Social at the Steinke's*
- *Aug 30, 2026.* *Romans Ch 3*

Quick Update .../CYMI

Middle East

- *Ceasefire between Hamas / Israel/ US – many issues but a positive*
- *The US has resumed action against Iran; the President has told Congress, which started a 60-day clock*
- *Iran has retaliated against its Arab neighbors and some US bases*
- *US/World*
- *The Russia-Ukraine war is going nowhere towards an end. NK sending troops*
- *Cozy relations/arms between Russia, Turkey, Iran, and China troubling but prophetic*
- *Immigration into Spain from Morocco is a disaster*
- *for Spain, and Europe with open borders in EU*



*Earthquakes, Floods, volcanic eruptions, **famine, and disease.** Wars and rumors of wars. California fault lines are under the most pressure in hundreds of years*

- *Many signs of the Tribulation are appearing with more frequency*
 - *Natural Disasters, Isolation of Israel, Antisemitism, Apostasy in the church, **Peace in Israel to presage the Antichrist,** Scoffers of Prophecy, and deniers of God. Time of Noah and time of Lot prophecies. Continuation of the Aliyah to Israel. **Isolation of Israel, and end-time coalitions forming. Christian Apostasy and Lack of Unity. One World Religion***
 - ***Substantial European acts to move away from Western values and embrace one-world ideas.***
 - *Remember, Israel is God's timepiece for the End of Time. Israel is the hour hand, Jerusalem is the minute hand, and the Temple Mount is the second hand*

Last Week We Discussed

- *A General introduction to Paul's letters*
 - *His intense Love and passion are very powerful in his letters*
 - *He suffered mightily to accomplish what God called him to do*
 - *He never quit, never wavered, always pushed ahead to run his race*
- *We talked about Paul's letters, and difficulty with them*
 - *Freestyle dictation, walking around, passion overflowing in words that had to be transcribed.*
 - *We mentioned how Romans was different from the others*
- *We discussed the pattern for all these letters in the ancient world*
- *We talked about Paul's purposes for writing them at that time (57-58 AD)*
 - *Establish a relationship with them*
 - *Help them in any way he could as an Apostle with teaching/disciplining them*
 - *Gain support for the mission to Spain*

The Pattern

Ancient letters followed a well-used pattern.

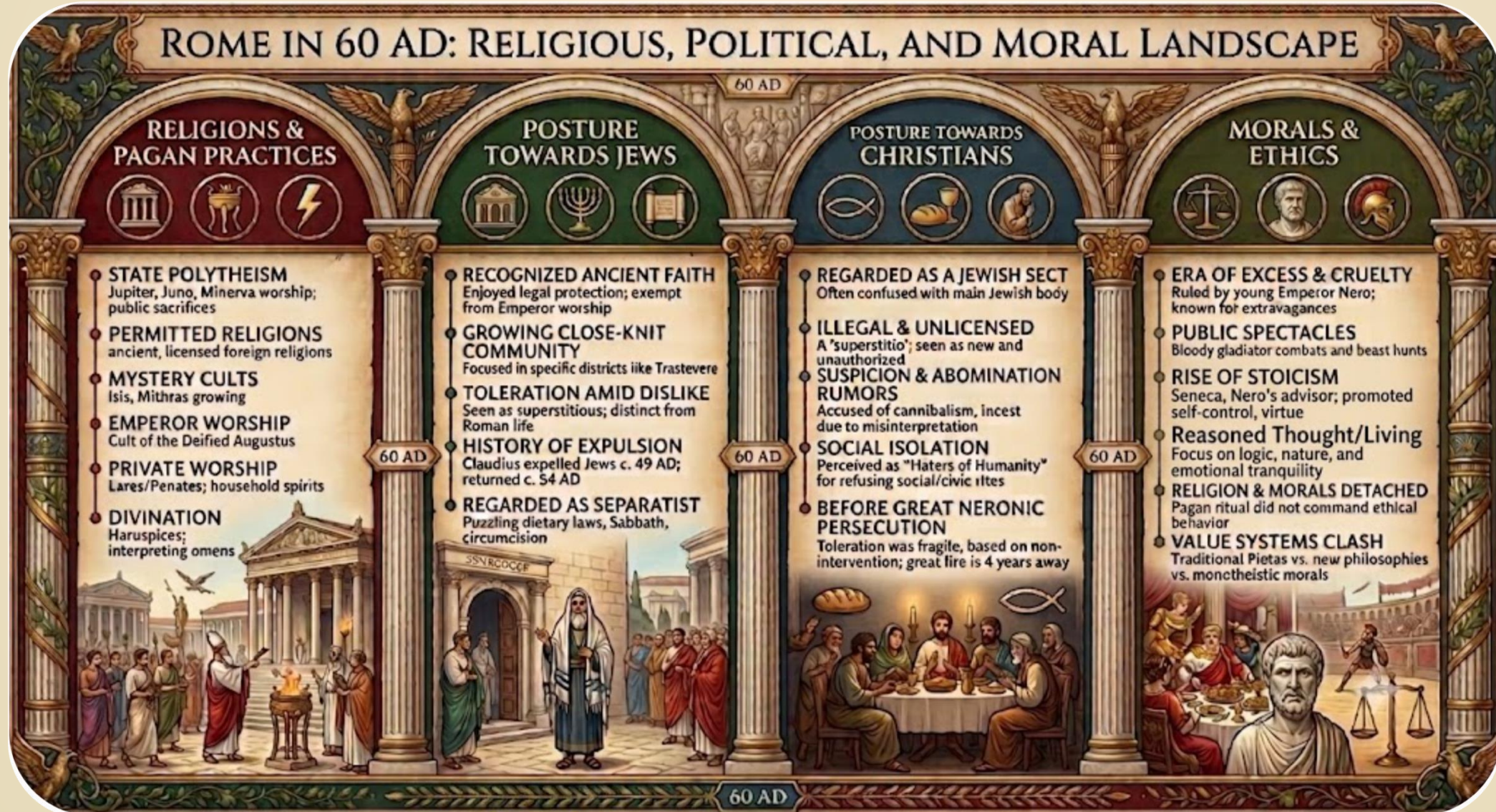
- ✓ *Greeting: (Romans 1:1)*
- ✓ *Prayer for grace: (Romans 1:7)*
- ✓ ***Thanksgiving: (Romans 1:8)***
- ✓ ***Main body of letter (reason for writing)...just the beginning***
- ***Special salutations and Personal Greetings: (Romans 16)***

There are several unique elements of Paul's letters

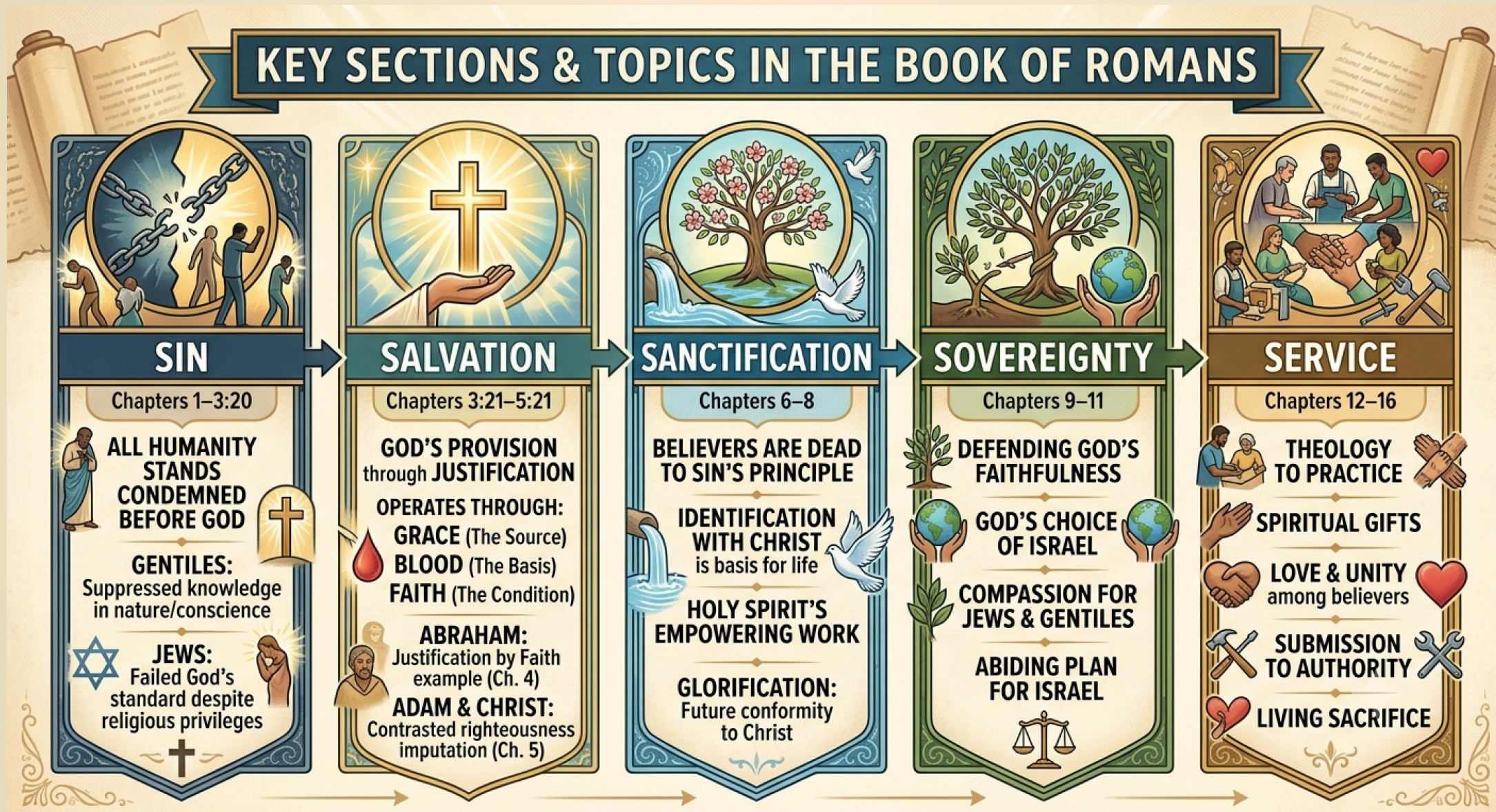
- *The way they are created*
- *The flowing style as the spoken word*
- + ***One more overview discussion***

Roman Landscape in 60 AD

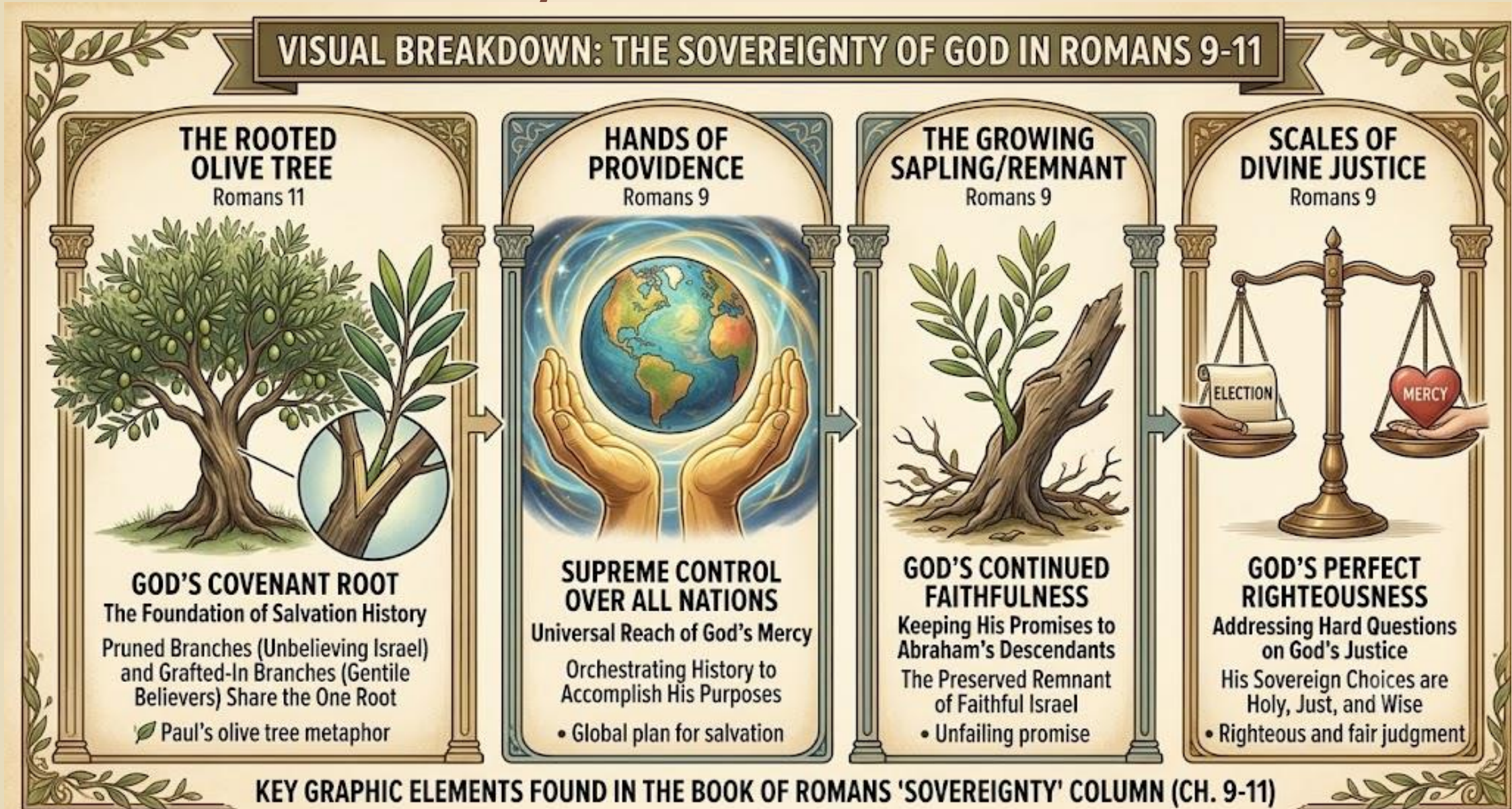
This city was the most powerful city in the world at that time, in the mighty Roman Empire. The city was beautiful and totally pagan



Visual Overview of Romans contents



Romans Ch 9-11 Symbols



Romans Ch 1:7-10. Paul longs to go to Rome

⁸ *First, I thank **my** God through Jesus Christ for all of you, **because your faith is being reported all over the world.***

⁹ *God, whom I serve **in my spirit** in preaching the gospel of his Son, **is my witness** how constantly I remember you*

¹⁰ *in my prayers **at all times**; and I pray that now at last **by God's will** the way may be opened for me to come to you.*

These verses make up the “Thanksgiving” portion of the letter

Paul is, first of all, thanking God for them and for the faith being spoken of in all the churches he has started. Various travelers have told him...

Emphasizes the Holy Spirit in him as the witness to the fact that he both prays for them and longs for his ability to visit them

Romans Ch 1:11-15 Paul's eagerness to come

¹¹ I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—

¹² that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters (adelphoi), that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

¹⁴ I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.

¹⁵ That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

 *Paul sees his mission to all the Gentiles, not just the Greeks. He is both impressed by their faith and eager to share with them*

Romans Ch 1:16-17 Not ashamed...

*¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: **first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.***

*¹⁷ For in the gospel **the righteousness of God is revealed**—a righteousness that is **by faith from first to last**, (or Faith to Faith) just as it is written: “**The righteous will live by faith.**” (quoted from Hab 2:4)*

***Hab 2:4** ⁴ “Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.*

These verses are very familiar to us from the AWANA program, where the kids are taught not to be ashamed of the Gospel of Christ

*What is this “**salvation**” we are not ashamed of? Are we proud of it?*

Salvation (*sōtēria*) depth

- *Salvation/ rescue from physical illness (Matt 9:21, Luke 8:36) – healing*
- *Salvation from danger (Matt 8:25, 14:30)*
- *Salvation from Life's infections (Acts 2:40) – Devine antiseptic*
- *Salvation from lostness (Matt 18:11, Lk 19:10) Son of Man came to save the lost*
- *Salvation / deliverance from Sin (Matt 1:21)*
- *Salvation from the wrath of God (Rom 5:9)*
- *Salvation to a blessed hope, eschatological hope (Rom 13:11)*

¹¹ Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed.

This is surely a salvation we are not ashamed of, but indeed we proudly tell others this good news

First to the Jew, then to the Gentile...

- Paul's declaration that the gospel is God's power for salvation reaches "the Jew first and also to the Greek" ([Rom 1:16–17](#)) reflects both historical priority and theological significance rooted in Israel's covenant heritage.
- The phrase operates on multiple levels. Historically, the proclamation of repentance and forgiveness was to begin in Jerusalem (Luke 24:47), establishing a chronological sequence in which Jewish communities received the gospel message before its expansion to Gentile populations. Paul and Barnabas followed this pattern, speaking God's word first to Jews, then turning to Gentiles when rejected ([Acts 13:46](#)).
- **Theologically**, the priority reflects Israel's unique standing in God's redemptive plan. Jews were entrusted with the Word of God ([Rom 3:1–2](#)), and to Israel belong the adoption, glory, covenants, law, worship, promises, and patriarchs—from whom Christ himself came according to the flesh ([Rom 9:4–5](#)). This sequence acknowledges that salvation originates from the Jews ([John 4:22](#)).
- Importantly, Paul's language doesn't exclude Gentiles or diminish their standing before God. It establishes a sequence that honors God's historical covenant with Israel while simultaneously affirming that the gospel's power operates universally. Both Jews and Greeks experience tribulation for evil and receive glory and honor for good ([Rom 2:9–10](#)), indicating that while the order differs, the ultimate reality of salvation's availability remains identical. The "first" designation preserves Israel's historical privilege without negating the Gentiles' full inclusion in God's saving purpose.

Romans Ch 1:18-23 Wickedness and revealing Wrath

⁸ *The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the **godlessness and wickedness** of people, **who suppress the truth by their wickedness,***

¹⁹ *since what **may be known** about God is plain to them, because **God has made it plain to them.***

²⁰ *For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—**his eternal power and divine nature**—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.*

²¹ *For although they knew God, **they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile, and their foolish hearts were darkened.***

²² *Although **they claimed to be wise, they became fools***

²³ *and **exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.***



The essence of sin → wrath is when we put self in the place of God

Romans Ch 1:24-27 What did God do?

²⁴ *Therefore* God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

²⁵ They exchanged the truth about God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is forever praised. Amen.

²⁶ *Because of this*, God gave them over to **shameful lusts**. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.

²⁷ In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and **received in themselves** the due penalty for their error.

We can see the parallels of that society to our own. Rampant sexual impurity, no regard for God or His Word, worship of the creation, not the Creator, given over to a depraved mind

Do not be that person with whom God can do nothing but leave you to yourself

Just read bumper stickers people put on their cars...

Romans Ch 1:28-32. *The Results...*

²⁸ And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done.

*²⁹ They were **filled** with all manner of **unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice**. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,*

³⁰ slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

*³² **Though they know** God's righteous decree that those who practice such things **deserve to die**, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.*

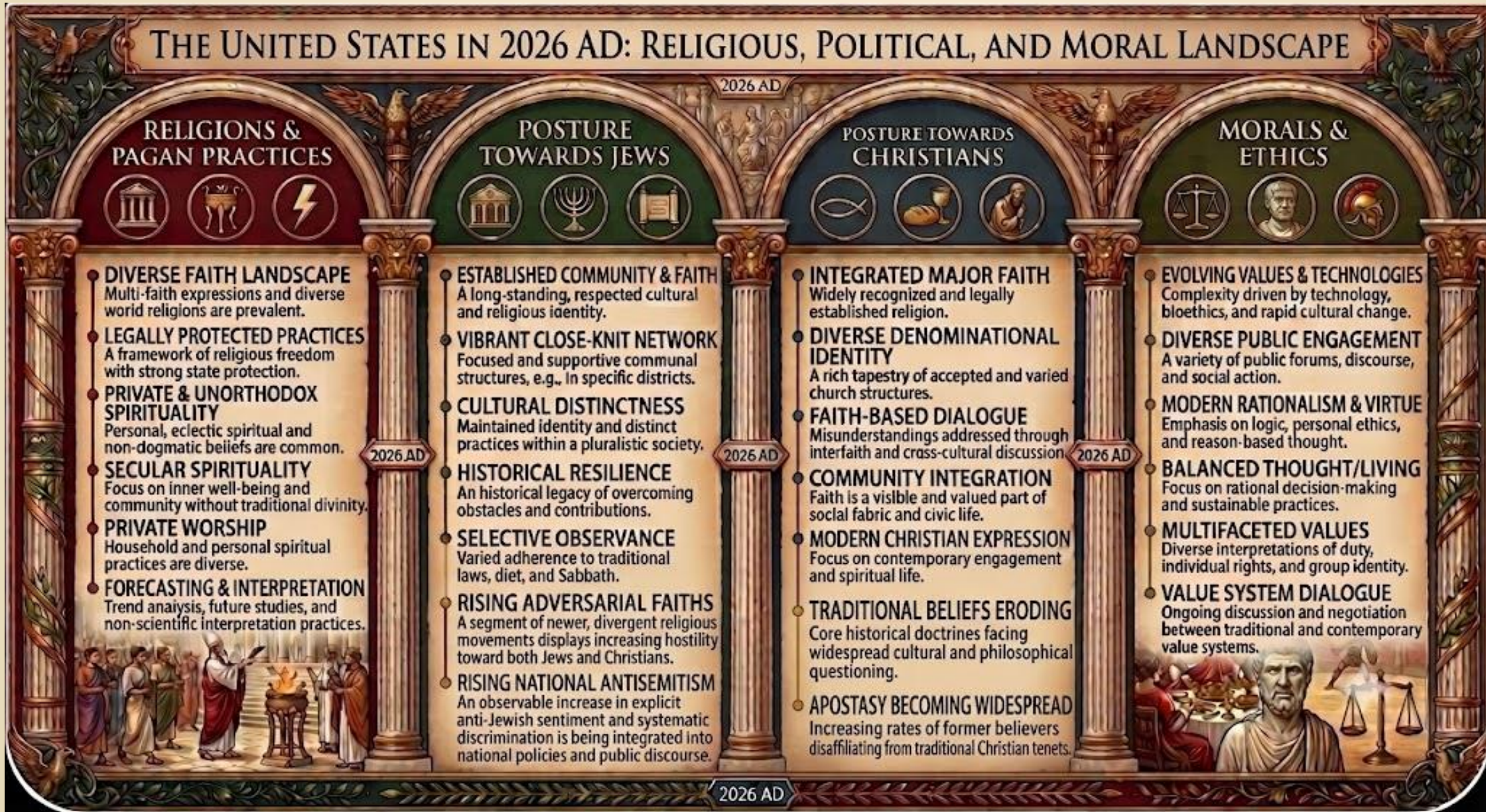
Social Media and other modern forms of communication blatantly encourage lawlessness and perversity. They glorify sin and sinners and want you to join the party. We live in a constant “rage” culture.

Romans Ch 1 - Summary

- *Romans 1 opens with Paul's greeting and frames the gospel as God's saving power for salvation.*
- *Its theme, set out in Romans 1:16–17, is that the righteous live by faith.*
- *Paul then shows humanity suppressing truth and sliding into idolatry and depravity under God's wrath, which establishes universal guilt and the need for a righteousness received through faith.*
- *Structurally, Romans 1 proves that all people are sinners needing salvation, then explains how salvation comes through faith in Christ based on his death and resurrection, before describing the resulting life of holiness and Spirit-empowerment.*

The chapter establishes the foundation for everything Paul develops throughout the letter: humanity's universal guilt before God and the necessity of divine righteousness received through faith.

As we looked at Rome in 60 AD...America 2026



Next week

*We will pick up where we left off; we will see **God's righteous judgement** and the **Jews and the Law**. Read Romans Ch 2*

➤ *Pray for our Nation and its leaders*

- *Pray for both the Iranian War and the Russia/Ukraine wars to come to an end*
- *Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and Peace for Israel*

➤ *Our State and its Leaders, and the elections to come, for God to give us Godly leaders*

➤ *Our Church, the Pastors and Leaders*

➤ *Pray for the needs of our class members and families*

Thank God for his mercy and grace for each of us as we struggle with life

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem to come to the world