



Logos Class

Book of Romans Ch 7

Class for Sep 20, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

Before we get started

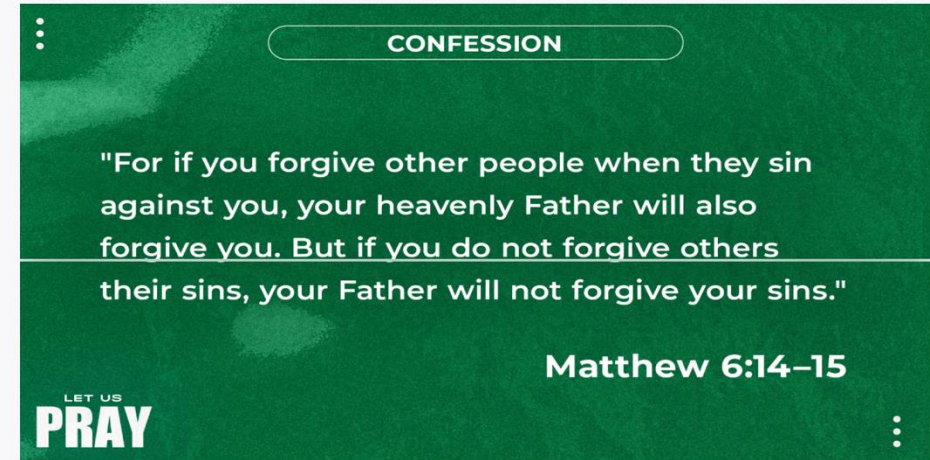
- Prayers for all the folks in our class and related that need urgent prayer

Our church is in a season of prayer leading up to our 30th anniversary as a church...30 days of prayer...

I want to focus for a few minutes on the prayer from yesterday about forgiveness.

***Pray out loud:** Lord, you have forgiven me more than I could ever repay. Search my heart and show me where I am still holding onto unforgiveness. Give me strength and willingness to let go, even when it is costly. Allow me to show mercy because of the mercy you have shown to me.*

Amen



If we are holding grudges against others and come before God in prayer, we are being disobedient and sinful. We are distracted as we approach His throne with hollow prayers and clenched fists. God knows and sees all. A persistent unforgiving heart is warned against. From whom are you withholding forgiveness?

Ask God to reveal offenses against you that you need to forgive.

Ask God for clarity and for Him to bring to mind a name of someone you have not yet forgiven. Do not try to justify yourself before God. Simply ask God for the willingness to open your fists and forgive. Thank Him for how much you have been forgiven.

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Class Schedule for the next few weeks

✓ *Aug 23, 2026*

Romans Ch 3



Aug 28, 2026

Ice Cream Social at the Steinke's

✓ *Aug 30, 2026.*

Romans Ch 4

✓ *Sept 6, 2026*

Romans Ch 5

✓ *Sept 13, 2026*

Romans Ch 6

✓ *Sept 20, 2026*

Romans Ch 7

• *Sept 27, 2026*

Romans Ch 8

Calendar note: Logos Class Christmas Party – Hold Dec 12

Quick Update ...ICYMI

Middle East

- *Ceasefire between Hamas / Israel/ US – Israel is still trying to get Hamas to disarm; not happening yet*
- *Major progress in clearing Hezbollah strongholds in Lebanon*
- *Heavy-duty sanctions on Iran and those who support them; back and forth with attacks*
- *Houthis, with Iranian backing, attacking Saudi Arabia*

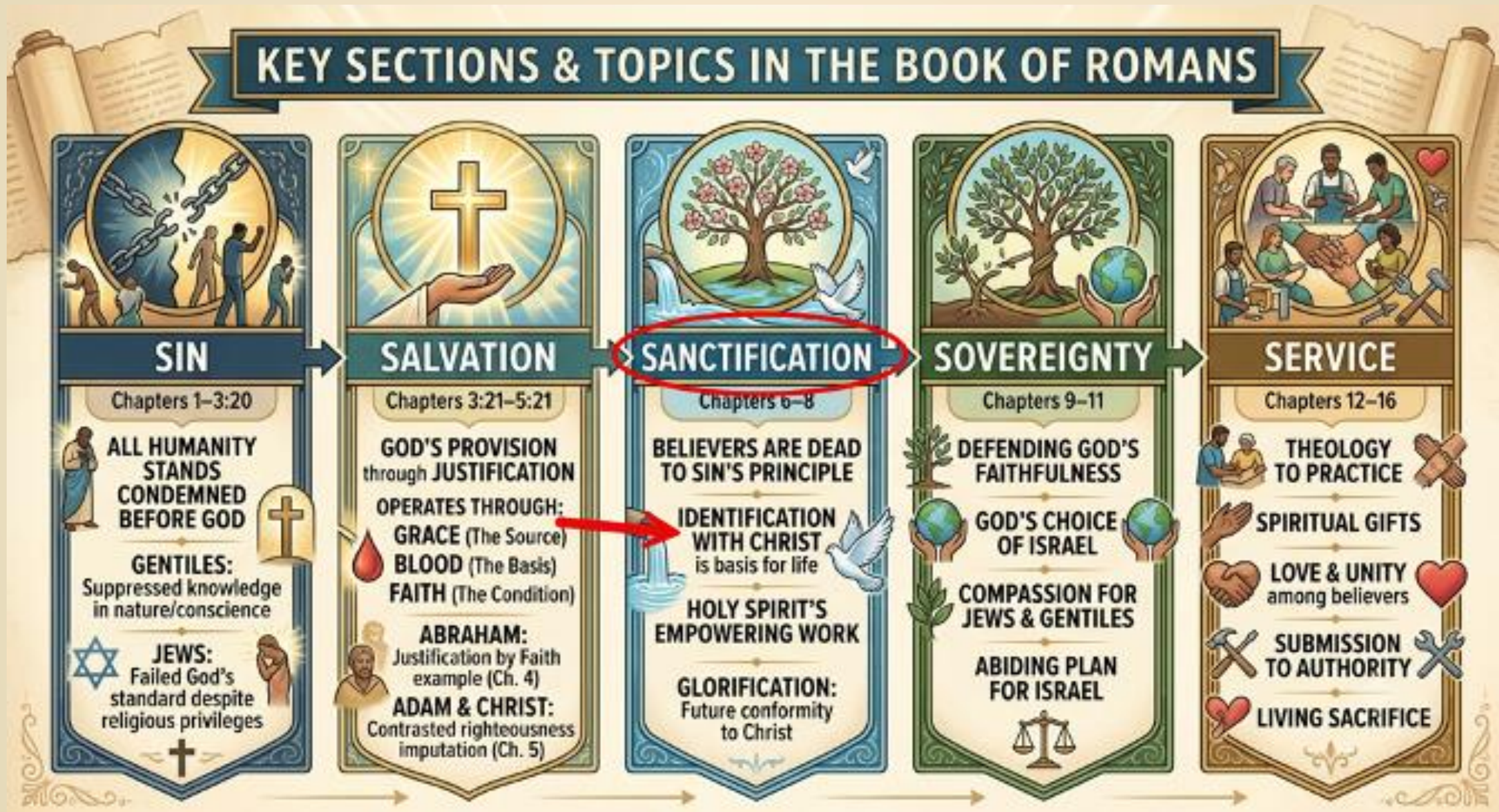
US/Worldwide

- *The Russia-Ukraine war is going nowhere towards an end. Some diplomatic effort underway. Russia escalating in new ways*
- *Cozy relations/arms between Russia, Turkey, Iran, and China troubling but prophetic*
- *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, 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. One World Religion. Rise of Islam. Increasing use of AI and technology.*

Proof of the Bible's truth emerging to a skeptical world through science and archeology.

We continue the Sanctification section this week



Holman NT Commentary on Romans Ch 6 p209

1. An Objection to the Grace in the Gospel (6:1-2)

The question (6:1)

The answer (6:2)

2. The Death of Christ Was a Death to Sin (6:3-7)

Baptism pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (6:3-4)

The purpose of death is to be freed from sin (6:5-7)

3. The Resurrection of Christ Was a Resurrection to Life (6:8-10)

Resurrection breaks the mastery of death (6:8-9)

Death is once; life is forever (6:10)

4. Christ's Death and Resurrection Are Imputed to the Believer (6:11-14)

Count yourself dead to sin, alive to God (6:11)

Cut your ties to sin (6:12)

Consecrate your life to righteousness (6:13)

5. The Believer Is Emancipated from Sin and Enslaved to Righteousness. (6:15-19)

The objection repeated (6:15)

Offering oneself is the equivalent of enslaving oneself (6:16)

Offering oneself to righteousness leads to holiness (6:17-19)

6. The Benefit of Death to Sin Is Eternal Life (6:20-23)

The "benefit" of sin is death (6:20-21)

The benefit of holiness is eternal life (6:22-23)

Conclusion: Sin has no mastery over those under grace (6:14)

What are the key takeaways from Romans Ch 6?

Theme	Simplified Takeaway	Why It Matters
Death opens the way to freedom	Believers are united with Christ in His death and resurrection.	Because Christ was raised, believers are called to walk in newness of life rather than remain bound to the old life.
Sin no longer rules	Grace does not give permission to keep sinning; it breaks sin's dominion.	Freedom from sin means a new allegiance: obedience leading to righteousness instead of sin leading to death.
Freedom means transfer of allegiance	Everyone serves something: sin or God.	Romans 6 reframes freedom as belonging to God, producing obedience from the heart.
Romans 6 prepares for Romans 7	Romans 6 focuses on death to sin; Romans 7 focuses on death to the law.	This distinction helps explain why the law can reveal sin and guilt but cannot produce the life of holiness by itself.
The goal is holy fruit	Being set free from sin leads to sanctification and eternal life.	Romans 6 points forward: true life is not lawless freedom, but Spirit-shaped obedience that bears fruit for God.

Chapter 7 Discussion

Paul embarks on a serious set of discussions, that depending on the translation you are studying, may seem very complex, and confusing

- Paul is building on his idea from earlier of Christians being a new creature in Christ, and he uses an illustration from their lives that they will understand very well.
- He is addressing the Jews in Rome because he is talking about being under the law.
- He is making a contrast using something they understand, to clarify a spiritual principle that was abstract, and not so easily understood
- The term “brothers” here is the Greek word Adelphoi, which means “brothers and sisters”
- He has used Circumcision in the past, now Marriage legalities, although he simplifies it in this discussion to make his point clearer.

Romans 7:1-3. Released from the Law

*7 Or do you not know, brothers (and sisters)—**for I am speaking to those who know the law**—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives?*

2 For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies, she is released from the law of marriage.

3 Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man, she is not an adulteress.

Based on the Legal maxim that death cancels all contracts

Romans 7:4-6 Now the Biblical principle

⁴ Likewise, my brothers (and sisters), **you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, *to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.***

⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.

⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

Paul is drawing the contrasts in the 2 states of man

- **Without Christ** we are trying to rule life by obedience to the laws. This was true then and is true now. People are looking for ways to be worthy before the Lord, and our human nature seeks to do things to please God and aid our cause.
- **With Him**, we do not rule life by living the law, but by faithful allegiance to Him by His Spirit, not with. Law, but with Love. This is the struggle



Paul saw things in Black and White colors. If you know the Law, then You are either living the law without Christ, or you are living in faithful allegiance to the Lord, with the Love of God in your heart

Note: Paul goes on to confess his own personal struggle with sin...

Romans 7:7-12 Law and Sin

⁷ *What then shall we say? That the law is sin? **By no means!** Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin. For I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, “You shall not covet.”*

⁸ *But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, **produced in me all kinds of covetousness.** For apart from the law, sin lies dead.*

This goes back to the fact that without law, there is no lawbreaking...

⁹ *I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive, and I died.*

¹⁰ *The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.*

¹¹ *For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, **deceived me and through it killed me.***

¹² *So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.*

CONUNDRUM OF ROMANS CH. 7

1 & 2 – No Law / No Law Breaking



- ✦ Perfect as in the Garden of Eden
- ✦ Harmony and Fellowship
- ✦ No sin, no guilt.

5 & 6 – Dead to Sin / Freedom from Law Breaking



- ✦ If we walk in faithfulness:
- ✦ Sin has no power over us
- ✦ Our desire is righteousness
- ✦ Our faith pulls us to God.

3 & 4 – Visible Law / Visible Law Breaking



- ✦ Visible barriers create an incentive to break them
- ✦ Seduced by the idea of lawbreaking
- ✦ Become characterized as law breakers.

Romans 7:13-20. *I do the very thing I hate*

¹³ Did that which is good, then, bring death to me? By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

¹⁴ For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.

¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.

¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

Romans 7: 21-25

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,

*²³ **but** I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.*

*²⁴ **Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?***

²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

Romans 7: The law reveals our need for rescue

- ***New allegiance.*** *In Christ, believers have died to the law and now serve in the Spirit. (7:1–6)*
- ***The law is good.*** *It reveals sin, but sin exploits the commandment and brings death. (7:7–13) What was meant to bring life instead brought death, yet Paul insists the law itself remains holy, righteous, and good.*
- ***The struggle is real.*** *Paul describes a divided self: delighting in God's law yet unable to defeat sin alone. (7:14–25)*
- ***Jesus is the answer.*** *Paul's cry for rescue points to Christ and prepares the way for the **Spirit-filled freedom of Romans 8** & that the law brings knowledge of sin rather than justification*

Next week

*We will pick up where we left off; **Read Romans Ch. 8***

➤ *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 that you will be empowered to turn over your life to righteousness

