



Logos Class

Book of Romans Ch 8

Class for Sep 27, 2026

Rooms 123/124 Adult Ed Building

Before we get started

This past week, our sister and friend went to be with the Lord – **Dorothy Buchwald**

She was a key member of our class Care Groups and the beloved leader for the single/widowed ladies.

We join them in mourning for her death, but we will continue her passion for her work.

Susie Montgomery will lead this group with the able assistance of **Katie Harrison** and **Nancy Fisher**. The group will function as one, but with 3 leaders, each with a smaller portion.

Services: Oct 11, 2026

Ingram Funeral Home

Details to come



Class Schedule for the next few weeks

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| ✓ Sept 6, 2026 | Romans Ch 5 |
| ✓ Sept 13, 2026 | Romans Ch 6 |
| ✓ Sept 20, 2026 | Romans Ch 7 |
| ✓ Sept 27, 2026 | Romans Ch 8 |
| • Oct 4, 2026. | Romans Ch 9 |
| • Oct 11, 2026 | Romans Ch 10 |
| • Oct 18, 2026 | Romand Ch 11 |

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*

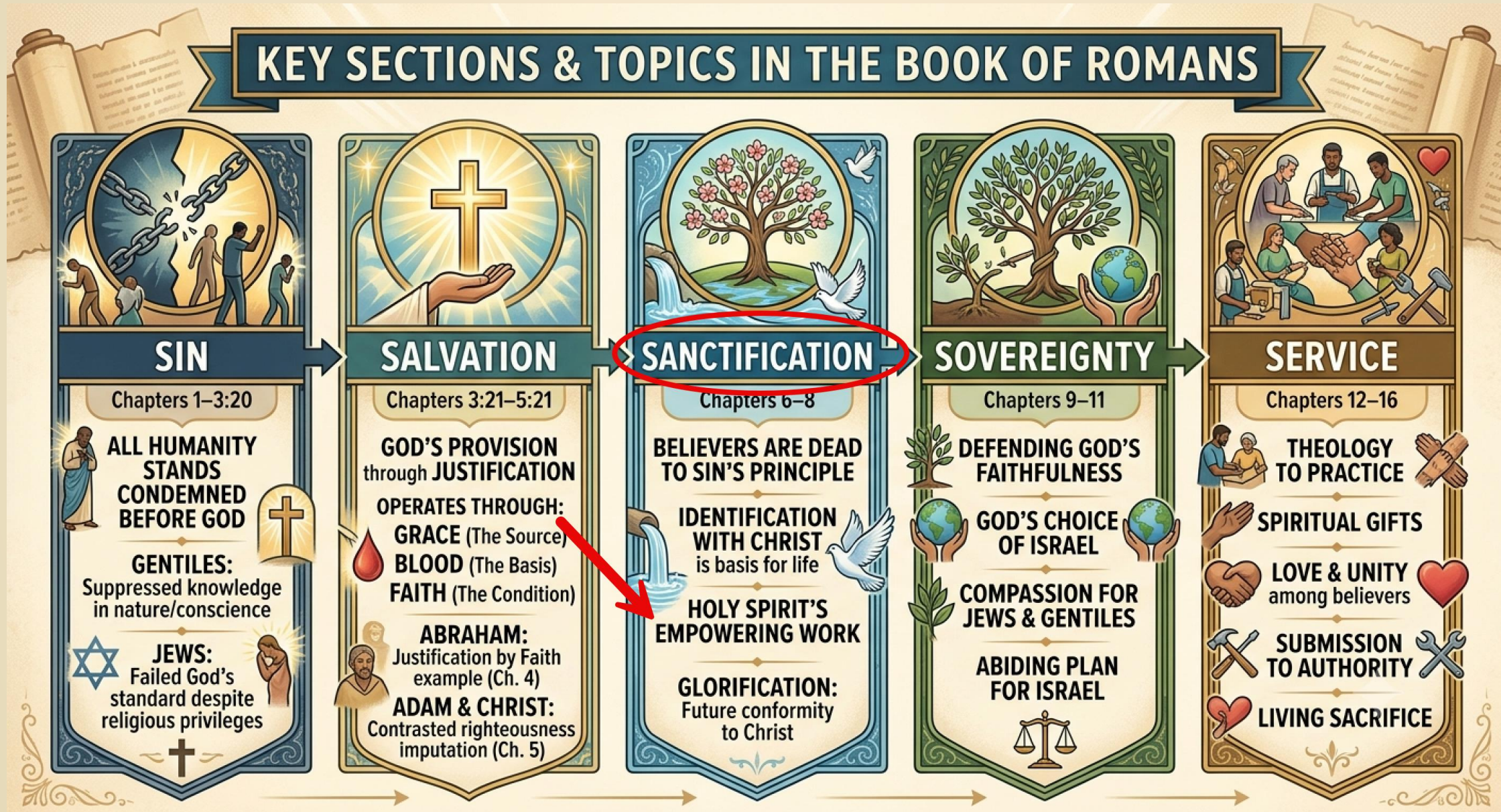
US/Worldwide

- *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 will finish the Sanctification section this week



A Devotional Reflection on Romans Ch 7

Romans 7 reminds us that God's law is good, but it cannot change the heart. The law shows us our sin; Christ gives us the grace and power to be made new.

- Paul helps us see that trying harder is not enough. *Rules can reveal what is broken, but they cannot heal what is broken.* Through Christ, we are no longer left to live by our own strength. We belong to the risen Lord, and *His Spirit leads us into a new way of life.*

Key Takeaways

- Let God's Word reveal what needs to change.
- Stop relying on willpower alone.
- Rest in Christ, who gives new life through the Spirit.

Practical Implication

The chapter shows that the law served as a guardian until Christ came, pointing believers to justification by faith. (Gal 3:24) Rather than condemning the law, Romans 7 explains why external rules cannot transform the human heart—only union with Christ through the Spirit accomplishes that transformation.

The Roman Road

The Roman Road presents a logical progression through Paul's letter that traces the path from human sinfulness to salvation and assurance in Christ.

The Problem: Universal Sinfulness

- All humanity has sinned and falls short of God's glory ([Rom 3:23](#)), establishing the fundamental condition that necessitates salvation. This isn't a matter of degree—everyone stands in the same predicament.

The Consequence: Spiritual Death

- Sin's wage is death, though God offers eternal life as a free gift through Christ Jesus ([Rom 6:23](#)). The contrast between earned wages and unearned gift frames salvation as something fundamentally different from human achievement.

God's Solution: Christ's Sacrifice

- God demonstrated His love by having Christ die for us while we were still sinners ([Rom 5:8](#)). This establishes that salvation originates in divine initiative and grace, not human worthiness or effort.

Personal Response: Faith and Confession

- Salvation comes through confessing Jesus as Lord and believing that God raised Him from the dead—the heart believes unto justification while the mouth confesses unto salvation ([Rom 10:9–10](#)). Everyone who calls on the Lord's name will be saved ([Rom 10:13](#)).

The Results: Peace, Freedom, and Security

- Those justified by faith experience peace with God through Christ ([Rom 5:1](#)). There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus ([Rom 8:1](#)), and nothing in creation can separate believers from God's love in Christ ([Rom 8:38–39](#)).

This progression moves from diagnosis (sin) through remedy (Christ's death and resurrection) to response (faith and confession) and culminates in assurance (peace, freedom, and eternal security).

Romans Ch 8:1-4. Liberation of our Human Nature

8 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh,

⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

The wording is a little complex, but the message is very clear. God has sent his son to provide a path that was unattainable by us because of our human sin, and it preserves the righteousness of the law while freeing us in the Spirit

Roman Road to Salvation

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PHASE 01

01

Diagnosis

Sin

Recognizing humanity's fundamental condition and separation due to sin.

→ Seeing our sin

PHASE 02

02

Remedy

Christ's death & resurrection

The divine provision and ultimate sacrifice for redemption and reconciliation.

→ Understanding the provision

PHASE 03

03

Response

Faith and confession

Personal alignment and active conversion through trust and open acknowledgement.

→ Deciding to accept

PHASE 04

04

Assurance

Peace, freedom & eternal security

Culminating in absolute standing, freedom from condemnation, and eternal life.

✓ Realizing God's peace / salvation

Romans 8:5-8

Setting your Mind in the Spirit

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

⁷ For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

⁸ Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Don't we see this every day in our lives today? The world pursues the things of the world without a thought to God, and whatever thoughts there might be are hostile to God and His people

We must live in the Spirit, not the flesh, to be pleasing to God

Two Words keep coming up in Ch 8

Flesh (Sarx) means “Flesh” literally

Paul uses this word in 3 diff ways

1. Literally the body. We have a body of flesh
2. In the Flesh, according to the flesh – ***kata sarka***...from a human point of view
3. ***En Sarka ..a unique use from Paul as in ...***“walking in the flesh”
Means with the human nature with all its frailties. ***Mind of flesh, and all that man is without Christ***

Spirit (Pneuma) (20 times in Rom 8)

OT Ruach – Spirit, Wind, Breath

In Paul's mind, the Spirit was all these things, but also power that was from God

This Spirit is the transforming power that changes us

Romans 8:9-11 Role of the Spirit

⁹ *You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. **Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.***

¹⁰ *But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, **the Spirit is life because of righteousness.***

¹¹ *If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies **through his Spirit who dwells in you.***

Let me be plain – With the Spirit indwelling you, you are not a Christian and do not belong to Christ.

Romans 8:12-17. Heirs with Christ...*Adopted In*

¹² So then, brothers (and sisters), we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh.

¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ ***For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons/heirs of God.***

¹⁵ For you did not receive the **spirit of slavery** to fall back into fear, but you have received the **Spirit of adoption as sons**, by whom we cry, ***“Abba! Father!”***

¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

¹⁷ and **if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ**, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. ***(Suffering is a part of the calling of Christ for us, not optional)***

Adoption from a Roman Point of View

Sonship in Roman culture was powerful and important and there were rules

Patria Potestas – the father's absolute possession and power over the family. A son was never out from under the power and possession of his father until the father died

For an adoption to take place, the child must be transferred from one Patria Potestas to another, and there were forms, procedures, and protections. Magistrates were involved, and clearly this was a serious endeavor.

When this process was completed, the old Patria Potestas had no rights, no power, and was not involved with the adoptee.

The adoptee had full sonship rights in the new family, just like a natural heir.



What Paul is saying is that when we come to Christ, we enter a new Patria Potestas and are in the family of God, and no longer under the Power of the Flesh

Roman Road to Salvation

Reference	Verse
Romans 3:23	for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
Romans 6:23	For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Romans 5:8	but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Romans 10:9–10	9 because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.
Romans 10:13	For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”
Romans 5:1	Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Romans 8:1	There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
Romans 8:38–39	38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:18-21 Present Suffering

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.

¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.

²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope

²¹ that^[h] the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

Romans 8:22-25. Creation Groaning, Patiently waiting

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.

*²³ Not only so, but **we ourselves**, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, **groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.***

²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?

²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Romans 8:26-30 Called Also to Glory

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

²⁹ For those God foreknew, he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

Important Passages on Prayer

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In our human weakness, we do not know what to pray for; the Spirit within us takes our thoughts and desires and intercedes for us and with us with God, even if we cannot speak.

He knows us, knows our hearts, and connects with the Spirit of God to make our requests known to Him. Some are eloquent in praying out loud, some are not, but God will hear our prayers anyway.

Romans 8:28. All things...

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

One of the most memorized and quoted takeaways from Paul's Romans letter. It is not that all things work for good. We know that some things that happen are not good, but Paul adds two important clauses

...Those who love Him, and those who have been called according to His Purpose.

If we are Christians who love the Lord and are walking in His Spirit, even the things that do not appear good that happen to us will be part of a solution that God has for us that IS GOOD

Romans 8:29-30

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³⁰ *And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.*

Predestined = foreordained. For those God knew in advance, He also ordained them in advance for conforming to the image of Christ

Romans 8:31-35. More than Conquerors

31** What, then, shall we say in response to these things? **If God is for us, who can be against us?

***32** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?*

***33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.*

***34** Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.*

***35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?*

Romans 8:36-39

³⁶ As it is written:

*“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”* (Ps 44:22)

³⁷ ***No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.***

³⁸ *For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,*

³⁹ *neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Next week

*We will pick up where we left off; **Read Romans Ch. 9***

➤ *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

