

Summary Notes from PCF-LA Sermon Series Preached Jan-July 2021

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE

ROMANS

A SUMMARY OVERVIEW

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OVERVIEW OF ROMANS 1-6 | FOUNDATIONS

1:1-15 → CUT OUT FOR CHRIST: Paul's Introduction

A "Slave of Christ" Commissioned with Good News

1:16-2:16 → UNASHAMED: All Have Sinned

Both the worldly God-rejecters AND self-righteous religionists

2:17-3:31 → THE LAW OF FAITH: Justification Comes By Faith

Faith in God has always been the Law's purpose & fulfillment.

4:1-25 → THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM: Our Founding Father's Faith

Abraham trusted & believed God and God made him righteous.

5:1-21 → THAT GRACE MIGHT REIGN: Grace Overcomes Sin

Though all died in Adam, all are offered forgiveness in Christ.

6:1-23 → SLAVES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS: We're now bound to God

Now bound to Christ, we're released from the chains of sin, revived by faith, & received by grace.

OVERVIEW OF ROMANS 7-13 | DEVELOPMENTS

7:1-25 → **THE FATHER'S WILL**: A Living Trust

Christ frees us from the bonds of our sin nature & binds us to God's will.

8:1-39 → **LOVE OVERCOMES, INTERCEDES, & OVERWHELMS**

We're thus free from condemnation but not from trials, yet God's love works ALL for our good.

9:1-33 → **CHILDREN OF PROMISE**: Justification Comes By Faith

It's not through fleshly ethnicity or effort but Divine grace by which we're blessed.

10:1-21 → **CHRIST**: The Purpose of the Law...for righteousness by faith.

11:1-36 → **THE ROOT & THE BRANCHES**

God maintains His covenant with both Jewish & Gentile believers in faithful unity.

12:1-21 → **LIVING SACRIFICE**: Overcoming Evil with Good

Be transformed in worship; be humble in service; be sincere in love.

13:1-14 → **LOVE FULFILLS THE LAW**: Submit, Love, Obey

OVERVIEW OF ROMANS 14-16 | CONCLUSIONS

14:1-23 → **UNITY**: Pursue the PEACE & PURPOSE of God

We effectively worship God through our unity in the Body of Christ.

15:1-33 → **CHARITY**: PREACH the Gospel & PRAISE the Lord

As we serve the Body in humility, the Body “multiplies” its mission & message.

16:1-27 → **COMMUNITY**: PROCEED as People of PURPOSE

True & holy love is active & utterly personal, reflecting the character of Christ, the unity of the Spirit, and the purposeful will of the Father. Within the community of His redeemed saints, each individual is unique & vital—every name known, every one special, and yet all equally seeking the well-being of one another.

A CLOSER VIEW OF ROMANS 1:1

IDENTITY: *Paulos* (**Paul**) - PERSON

FIDELITY: *Doulos* ([a] **Slave**) - PURPOSE

UNITY: *Iesou Christou* ([of the] **Anointed Jesus**) - PRESENCE

CAPACITY: *Kletos* (**Called** [to be]) - POTENTIAL

RESPONSIBILITY: *Apostolos* ([a] **Commissioner**) - POSITION

TOTALITY: *Aphorismenos* (**Severed/Cut**) - PERMANENCE

INTEGRITY: *Eis* (**Into** [for]) - PLACEMENT

EQUITY: *Euangelion* ([the] **Good News/Message**) - PROCLAMATION

DIVINITY: *Theou* ([of] **God**) - POWER

ROMANS 1:16-2:16 | UNASHAMED

1. UNASHAMED: *Placing FAITH in God's Good Graces*
ROMANS 1:16-17
2. UNAWARE: *Revealing the GUILT of the Unrighteous*
ROMANS 1:18-32
3. UNEXCUSED: *Confronting the GUILT of the Self-Righteous*
ROMANS 2:1-11
4. UNAFRAID: *Finding God's GRACE in Repentance*
ROMANS 2:12-16

ROMANS 1:16-2:16 | UNASHAMED

1. Word of God PROCLAIMED to All

ROMANS 1:16-17

2. Wrath of God REVEALED Against the Secular Sinner

ROMANS 1:18-32

3. Wrath of God REVEALED Against the Sanctimonious Sinner

ROMANS 2:1-11

4. Love of God AVAILABLE to All

ROMANS 2:12-16

ROMANS 2:17-3:31 | THE LAW OF FAITH

1. UNDER THE LAW: *“By the Book”... But Without the Spirit*
ROMANS 2:17-29
2. AGAINST THE LAW: *“False Faith” and Cheap Grace*
ROMANS 3:1-8
3. WITHOUT THE LAW: *“All Have Turned Away”*
ROMANS 3:9-20
4. WITHIN THE LAW: *Justified By “a Law of Faith”*
ROMANS 3:21-31

ROMANS 4:1-25 | THE FAITH OF ABRAHAM

1. FAITH in God's PURPOSE:

God had a plan...Abraham followed.

vv.1-5

2. JOY in God's PARDON:

God gave forgiveness...David gave thanks.

vv.6-8

3. TRUST in God's PROCESS:

God made a covenant...Abraham received the sign.

vv.9-12

4. LIFE in God's PROMISE:

God made a promise...Abraham received the son.

vv.13-25

A NEW & LIVING WAY “BY FAITH”

- *Creation*
- *Covenant*
- *Commands*
- **CHRIST**

“So if the Son sets you free, you shall be FREE indeed!”

~JOHN 8:36

ROMANS 5:1-21 | THAT GRACE MIGHT REIGN

1. PEACE with God:

The grace of God reigns.

vv. 1-11

2. DEATH from Adam:

The grace of God triumphs.

vv. 12-16

3. LIFE in Christ:

The grace of God abounds.

vv. 17-21

ROMANS 6:1-23 | SLAVES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- 1. DEAD TO SIN:** *“Slaves” Set Free*
RELEASED from Bondage = BURIED with Christ *vv.1-7*
- 2. ALIVE IN CHRIST:** *“Sons” Raised Up*
REVIVED by Faith = RESURRECTED in Christ *vv.8-14*
- 3. RENEWED IN PURPOSE:** *Bound for Glory*
RECEIVED with Grace = OFFERED in Holiness *vv.17-21*

ROMANS 7:1-25 | THE FATHER'S WILL

1. A MATCH MADE IN HEAVEN

We died to the law's penalty in Christ so to be joined with Him in fruitfulness.

vv. 1-6

2. THE LESSONS OF THE LAW

The law shows the nature of a living trust in the Father's will that only Christ fulfills.

vv. 7-13

3. A WAR WITHIN: THE TRIAL OF TWO NATURES

Jesus frees us from "this body of death" & into fulfilling the Father's will.

vv. 14-25

ROMANS 7 & 8

Jesus came to FULFILL the
WILL OF THE FATHER
and in doing so He made us
heirs together with Himself
of all the glorious goodness of
THE FATHER'S WILL.

ROMANS CHAPTER EIGHT

offers an extraordinary
discourse on the **beauty,**
power, & purposes of
THE LOVE OF GOD
IN CHRIST.

CHAPTER 8 | THE LOVE OF GOD...IN CHRIST

1. RECEIVING THE LOVE THAT **OVERCOMES**
“No Condemnation in Christ” / BEAUTY *vv.1-17*

2. REVEALING THE LOVE THAT **INTERCEDES**
“All Creation Groans” / POWER *vv.18-27*

3. RELEASING THE LOVE THAT **OVERWHELMS**
“More Than Conquerors” / PURPOSE *vv.28-38*

ROMANS 8:1-17 | THE LOVE THAT OVERCOMES

- 1. IN CHRIST: The Spirit of Life**
Live Life in Christ...Through the Spirit! *vv.1-6*
- 2. IN YOU: The Spirit of Resurrection**
Trust in the Resurrection...Of the Spirit! *vv.7-13*
- 3. IN GOD: The Spirit of Adoption**
Call Upon the Father...In the Spirit! *vv.14-17*

ROMANS 8:18-27 | THE LOVE THAT INTERCEDES

1. CREATION: The Groans of Corruption
The Function of “This FUTILITY” *vv.18-22*
2. SALVATION: The Groans of Redemption
The Expectation of The FAITHFUL *vv.23-25*
3. SANCTIFICATION: The Groans of Intercession
The Unction of The FATHER *vv.26-27*

ROMANS 8:28-39 | THE LOVE THAT OVERWHELMS

1. CALLED to God's PURPOSE
“All Things Work Together...” TRUST *vv.28-30*
2. CONFORMED to CHRISTLIKENESS
“All We Like Sheep...” SACRIFICE *vv.31-36*
3. CONQUERING by God's LOVE
“All Things in Love...” ASSURANCE *vv.37-39*

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“All We Like Sheep...” **HOPE** *vv.31-36*
3. CONQUERING by God's LOVE
“All Things in Love...” **LOVE** *vv.37-39*

CHAPTER 9 | CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE

1. **PAUL'S ANGUISH:** The Apostle grieves for his “family” of Israel and the Jewish people. *vv. 1-5*
2. **GOD'S CHOICE:** But God's “chosen people” aren't children by the flesh but by His promise. *vv. 6-18*
3. **GOD'S PATIENCE:** God tolerates the faithless so as to show glory to those receiving His mercy. *vv. 19-29*
4. **FAITH'S RIGHTEOUSNESS:** Righteousness comes through faith, not ethnicity/nationality. *vv. 30-33*

CHAPTER 9 | CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE

1. GOD'S **PASSION**

vv. 1-5

2. GOD'S **PROGENY**

vv. 6-18

3. GOD'S **PATIENCE**

vv. 19-29

4. GOD'S **PROMISE**

vv. 30-33

ROMANS 10:1-21 | THE PURPOSE OF THE LAW

1. The GOAL of the Law
Believe In Your Heart

INTERNAL

Walk of Faith

vv. 1-10

2. The WORD of the Lord
Confess With Your Mouth

EXTERNAL

Witness of Faith

vv. 11-15

3. The CALL of the Faith
Declare By Your Life

ETERNAL

Work of Faith

vv. 16-21

CHAPTER 11 | THE ROOT & THE BRANCHES

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| 1. A REMNANT REMAINING: <i>There's more faith around us than we necessarily see or fully realize.</i> | <i>vv.1-11</i> |
| 2. A ROOT RESTORED: <i>God fulfills His Word & all of His promises, & He will sustain the faithful.</i> | <i>vv.12-16</i> |
| 3. A SHOOT INGRAFTED: <i>God spreads His mercy very widely & most generously so as to bless broadly.</i> | <i>vv.17-24</i> |
| 4. A MYSTERY REVEALED: <i>God will never fail to ultimately satisfy all His purposes & fulfill His glory.</i> | <i>vv.25-36</i> |

CHAPTER 12 | **LIVING SACRIFICE:**
OVERCOMING EVIL WITH GOOD

1. Be TRANSFORMED

In Worship

vv.1-2

2. Be HUMBLE

In Service

vv.3-8

3. Be SINCERE

In Love

vv.9-21

CHAPTER 13 | LOVE FULFILLS THE LAW

1. SUBMIT To Authority

Worship of God *vv.1-7*

2. LOVE One Another

Service to the Body *vv.8-10*

3. WALK in Light

Love in Action *vv.11-14*

CHAPTERS 14, 15, 16 | PEOPLE OF PURPOSE

1. Pursue the PEACE & PURPOSE of God
Worship of God 14:1-23

2. PREACH the Gospel & PRAISE the Lord
Service to the Body 15:1-33

3. PROCEED as People of PURPOSE
Love in Action 16:1-27

I. UNITY | CHAPTER 14

COMMENTARY ON:

- Restrictive Diets
- Special Days
- Community Dialogue

II. CHARITY | CHAPTER 15

COMMENTARY ON:

- Conscience & Conduct
- Character of Christ
- Irenic Community
- Missional Harmony

III. COMMUNITY | CHAPTER 16

COMMENDATIONS & GREETINGS

- Personal
- Specific
- Relational

CONCLUSION...

*God Knows Your
NAME.*

- He knows your **NEEDS.**
- He knows our **PURPOSE.**
- He cares for **US!**

CONCLUSION...

*God Knows Your
DESTINY & PURPOSE.*

NOTHING
can ever separate us from the
LOVE of God in Christ Jesus.