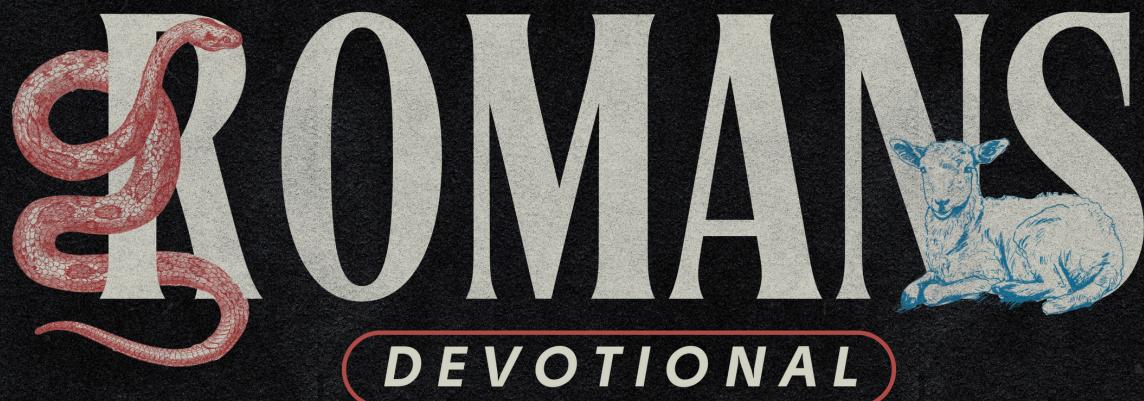


ROMANS

DEVOTIONAL



Series Overview:

In these first five weeks, we'll explore the fundamental problem of humanity—sin—and the incredible promise of God's righteousness. Paul paints a stark picture of the universal problem of sin, but he also provides a powerful promise: the righteousness of God, revealed through faith. We will journey through Paul's theology of human depravity and God's provision, grounding ourselves in the reality of both our brokenness and the hope found in Jesus Christ.

Week 1: The Power of the Gospel (Romans 1:1-17)

Week Synopsis:

This week, Paul introduces the power of the Gospel, declaring it as the means of salvation for everyone who believes. He highlights that the Gospel reveals the righteousness of God and is the foundation upon which the entire letter is built.

Reflection Question for the Week:

How does the Gospel's power to save and transform affect your daily life and mission?

Day 1: The Gospel of God

- **Read:** Romans 1:1-4
- **Cross-Reference:** Mark 1:1; 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
- **Reflection:** Paul identifies himself as a servant of Christ, set apart for the Gospel of God. This Gospel concerns Jesus Christ, the Son of God.
- **Question:** How does understanding the Gospel as God's plan impact your view of your role in spreading it?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me embrace my calling to serve You through the Gospel and live out its transformative power.

- **Day 2: The Power of the Gospel**

- **Read:** Romans 1:5-7
- **Cross-Reference:** Ephesians 1:17-18; 1 Peter 1:23
- **Reflection:** Paul speaks of receiving grace and apostleship to call people to obedience through faith. The Gospel is for all who are loved by God.
- **Question:** How can you respond to God's call through the Gospel in your own life?
- **Prayer:** Father, guide me in living out the obedience of faith and sharing Your love with others.

- **Day 3: The Righteousness of God Revealed**

- **Read:** Romans 1:16-17
- **Cross-Reference:** Habakkuk 2:4; Galatians 3:11
- **Reflection:** The Gospel reveals the righteousness of God, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last. It is the power of God for salvation.
- **Question:** What does it mean to you that the righteousness of God is revealed through faith?
- **Prayer:** Jesus, I thank You for revealing Your righteousness through the Gospel. Help me live by faith and experience Your salvation daily.

- **Day 4: The Justification of Faith**

- **Read:** Romans 3:28
- **Cross-Reference:** James 2:24; Galatians 2:16
- **Reflection:** A person is justified by faith apart from the works of the law.
- **Question:** How does knowing that justification comes through faith alone change your perspective on your relationship with God?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me embrace justification by faith and trust in Your grace rather than my own efforts.

- **Day 5: The Power of God for Salvation**

- **Read:** Romans 1:15
- **Cross-Reference:** 2 Timothy 1:8-9; 1 Corinthians 1:18
- **Reflection:** Paul expresses his eagerness to preach the Gospel because it is the power of God for salvation.
- **Question:** How can you cultivate a greater eagerness to share the Gospel with others?
- **Prayer:** Father, give me a burning desire to share Your powerful message of salvation with those around me.

- **Day 6: Living in the Gospel's Power**

- **Read:** Romans 1:8-14
- **Cross-Reference:** Philippians 1:12-14; Colossians 1:6
- **Reflection:** Paul expresses his gratitude for the faith of the Romans and his desire to visit them. The Gospel bears fruit and grows in those who receive it.
- **Question:** How can you let the Gospel bear fruit in your life and through your actions?
- **Prayer:** Lord, let Your Gospel continue to bear fruit in my life and enable me to support others in their faith journey.

- **Day 7: The Whole World Hears**

- **Read:** Romans 1:17-18
- **Cross-Reference:** Acts 17:30-31; Romans 10:17
- **Reflection:** The Gospel reveals God's righteousness and also brings to light the need for repentance from ungodliness.
- **Question:** What changes can you make to ensure that the Gospel's revelation of righteousness impacts every area of your life?
- **Prayer:** Jesus, help me to live in the light of Your righteousness and to reveal Your truth through my actions and words.



Week 2: God's Wrath Revealed (Romans 1:18-32)

Week Synopsis:

This week focuses on God's righteous anger against human wickedness and the consequences of rejecting Him. Paul outlines the downward spiral of sin and the resulting moral decay that ensues when people turn away from God.

Reflection Question for the Week:

How does understanding God's wrath against sin influence your commitment to live a righteous life?

- **Day 1: The Revelation of God's Wrath**

- **Read:** Romans 1:18-20
- **Cross-Reference:** Psalm 19:1-4; Revelation 14:7
- **Reflection:** God's wrath is revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness. His invisible attributes are clearly seen in creation.
- **Question:** How does the revelation of God's wrath motivate you to appreciate His creation and His righteousness?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me see Your creation as a testament to Your glory and turn away from any ungodliness in my life.

- **Day 2: The Exchange of Truth for Lies**

- **Read:** Romans 1:21-23
- **Cross-Reference:** Jeremiah 2:11-13; 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12
- **Reflection:** Although people knew God, they did not honor Him as God and exchanged His truth for lies, resulting in futile thinking.
- **Question:** In what ways have you seen the exchange of God's truth for lies affect the world around you?
- **Prayer:** Father, help me hold fast to Your truth and reject any falsehood that leads me away from You.

- **Day 3: The Consequences of Idolatry**

- **Read:** Romans 1:24-27
- **Cross-Reference:** Ezekiel 14:4-6; 1 Corinthians 10:14
- **Reflection:** God gave people over to their lusts and degrading passions as a result of their idolatry and refusal to acknowledge Him.
- **Question:** How does the impact of idolatry in this passage inform your understanding of God's judgment on sin?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me to recognize and avoid idolatry in my life, and keep me from falling into the traps of sin.

- **Day 4: Depravity and Rejection**

- **Read:** Romans 1:28-32
- **Cross-Reference:** 2 Timothy 3:1-5; Titus 1:16
- **Reflection:** Those who reject God are given over to a depraved mind and indulge in various forms of wickedness.
- **Question:** How does understanding the consequences of rejecting God deepen your commitment to live according to His ways?
- **Prayer:** Father, keep me from a depraved mind and help me pursue righteousness and justice in all aspects of my life.

- **Day 5: The Righteous Judgment of God**

- **Read:** Romans 2:1
- **Cross-Reference:** Matthew 7:1-2; James 2:13
- **Reflection:** Paul warns against judging others while committing the same sins, highlighting that God's judgment is based on truth.
- **Question:** How can you avoid hypocrisy and align your actions with God's standards of righteousness?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me to judge with integrity and seek Your truth in my own life before addressing the faults of others.

- **Day 6: The Impartiality of Judgment**

- **Read:** Romans 2:6-8
- **Cross-Reference:** 1 Peter 1:17; Revelation 20:12
- **Reflection:** God will repay each person according to what they have done. Those who do good will receive eternal life, while those who do evil will face wrath.
- **Question:** How does the impartiality of God's judgment influence your actions and decisions?
- **Prayer:** Jesus, help me live in a way that honors You, knowing that You will judge everyone impartially according to their deeds.

- **Day 7: The Reality of God's Wrath**

- **Read:** Romans 2:16
- **Cross-Reference:** Ecclesiastes 12:14; 2 Corinthians 5:10
- **Reflection:** God will judge people's secrets through Jesus Christ according to the Gospel.
- **Question:** How does the reality of God's judgment on secrets impact your relationship with Him?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me to live openly and honestly before You, knowing that You see and judge all things.



Week 3: Judgment and Hypocrisy (Romans 2:1-16)

Week Synopsis:

Paul continues to address judgment and hypocrisy, emphasizing that all people are accountable to God. He stresses that true righteousness comes from the heart and not merely from outward adherence to the law.

Reflection Question for the Week:

How can you ensure that your actions align with your professed beliefs and avoid hypocrisy?

- **Day 1: Judgment According to Truth**

- **Read:** Romans 2:1-4
- **Cross-Reference:** Luke 6:37-38; Acts 17:30-31
- **Reflection:** Judging others while committing the same sins is hypocritical. God's kindness leads us to repentance.
- **Question:** How can you be more mindful of avoiding hypocrisy in your judgments of others?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me to reflect Your kindness and avoid hypocrisy in my judgments of others.

- **Day 2: The Reality of God's Judgment**

- **Read:** Romans 2:5-8
- **Cross-Reference:** Galatians 6:7-8; 2 Corinthians 5:10
- **Reflection:** God's judgment is based on people's deeds. Those who persist in doing good will receive eternal life, while those who are self-seeking will face wrath.
- **Question:** How can you focus on doing good in the face of temptation and difficulties?
- **Prayer:** Father, give me strength to persevere in doing good and to trust in Your righteous judgment.

- **Day 3: The Law and the Gentiles**

- **Read:** Romans 2:12-15
- **Cross-Reference:** Romans 3:19; Galatians 2:15-16
- **Reflection:** The law is for the Jews, but even Gentiles who do not have the law show that God's law is written on their hearts.
- **Question:** How does the concept of God's law being written on the hearts of all people shape your understanding of accountability?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me recognize Your law written in my heart and live in alignment with Your righteous standards.

- **Day 4: God's Impartiality**

- **Read:** Romans 2:16
- **Cross-Reference:** Matthew 7:21-23; 1 Peter 1:17
- **Reflection:** God will judge people's secrets through Jesus Christ according to the Gospel.
- **Question:** How can you ensure your heart is aligned with God's truth rather than just outward appearances?
- **Prayer:** Father, search my heart and reveal any areas where I may be living in hypocrisy or hiding from Your truth.

- **Day 5: The True Measure of Righteousness**

- **Read:** Romans 2:17-24
- **Cross-Reference:** Matthew 23:25-28; 1 Samuel 16:7
- **Reflection:** True righteousness is not about mere external compliance but about an internal transformation and genuine relationship with God.
- **Question:** What steps can you take to ensure that your relationship with God is genuine and not just outward conformity?
- **Prayer:** Lord, transform my heart so that my righteousness reflects Your love and not just outward appearances.

- **Day 6: True Circumcision**

- **Read:** Romans 2:25-29
- **Cross-Reference:** Philippians 3:3; Colossians 2:11
- **Reflection:** True circumcision is of the heart, not just the flesh. It is a matter of the Spirit and not the letter of the law.
- **Question:** How can you seek a deeper, more genuine relationship with God beyond mere external practices?
- **Prayer:** Jesus, circumcise my heart and help me to worship You in Spirit and truth.

- **Day 7: Integrity of the Heart**

- **Read:** Psalm 51:6; Jeremiah 4:4
- **Cross-Reference:** Matthew 5:8; 2 Corinthians 7:1
- **Reflection:** God desires truth in the inward parts and integrity of the heart.
- **Question:** How can you cultivate integrity and truthfulness in your relationship with God and others?
- **Prayer:** Lord, purify my heart and mind so that I may live with integrity and truth in all my dealings.



Week 4: True Identity in God's Eyes (Romans 2:17-29)

Week Synopsis:

This week focuses on understanding true identity from God's perspective. Paul discusses how external markers such as circumcision or Jewish identity do not guarantee righteousness but that true identity is rooted in an authentic relationship with God.

Reflection Question for the Week:

How can you align your identity with what God says about you rather than societal or cultural markers?

- **Day 1: The Reality of External Markers**

- **Read:** Romans 2:17-20
- **Cross-Reference:** John 3:10-12; 1 Corinthians 1:26-29
- **Reflection:** Paul discusses how boasting in external markers like being a Jew or having the law does not make one righteous.
- **Question:** What are some external markers that you may rely on for your sense of identity and how can you refocus on what God says about you?
- **Prayer:** Father, help me to find my identity in You rather than in external achievements or status.

- **Day 2: The True Circumcision of the Heart**

- **Read:** Romans 2:21-24
- **Cross-Reference:** Deuteronomy 10:16; Jeremiah 4:4
- **Reflection:** True circumcision is not about the physical act but about the heart being devoted to God.
- **Question:** How can you ensure that your heart is truly devoted to God and not just following outward religious practices?
- **Prayer:** Lord, circumcise my heart and make it fully devoted to You, beyond mere external observances.

- **Day 3: The Testimony of the Gentiles**

- **Read:** Romans 2:25-27
- **Cross-Reference:** Matthew 5:13-16; 1 Peter 2:9
- **Reflection:** The testimony of a righteous life can lead others to glorify God, regardless of external identity markers.
- **Question:** How can your life serve as a testimony that brings glory to God and aligns with His true righteousness?
- **Prayer:** Jesus, let my life shine in such a way that others see Your righteousness and glorify You.

- **Day 4: The Law Written on the Heart**

- **Read:** Romans 2:28-29
- **Cross-Reference:** Jeremiah 31:33; Ezekiel 36:26
- **Reflection:** True identity is about having the law written on the heart and living out a sincere relationship with God.
- **Question:** How can you cultivate a heart that is aligned with God's law and His desires for your life?
- **Prayer:** Father, write Your law on my heart and help me to live out Your truth in every area of my life.

- **Day 5: True Spirituality**

- **Read:** Philippians 3:3
- **Cross-Reference:** Colossians 2:11-13; Galatians 6:15
- **Reflection:** True spirituality is characterized by worship in the Spirit and boasting in Christ Jesus, not in external religious practices.
- **Question:** How can you shift your focus from external religious practices to a deeper spiritual connection with God?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me to worship You in Spirit and truth and to boast only in what Christ has done in my life.

- **Day 6: Reflecting God's Righteousness**

- **Read:** Matthew 5:48; Ephesians 4:24
- **Cross-Reference:** 1 Peter 1:15-16; Hebrews 12:14
- **Reflection:** God calls us to reflect His righteousness and to pursue holiness in all our conduct.
- **Question:** How can you actively pursue holiness and reflect God's righteousness in your daily life?
- **Prayer:** Father, help me to pursue holiness and reflect Your righteousness in all my actions and thoughts.

- **Day 7: A New Creation**

- **Read:** 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15
- **Cross-Reference:** Romans 8:1-2; Colossians 3:10
- **Reflection:** In Christ, we are a new creation, with a new identity that transcends old markers and embraces new life.
- **Question:** How does understanding yourself as a new creation in Christ change your daily living and perspective?
- **Prayer:** Jesus, thank You for making me a new creation. Help me to live out this new identity with courage and faithfulness.



Week 5: The Universality of Sin (Romans 3:1-20)

Week Synopsis:

Paul addresses the universality of sin and the fact that all have fallen short of God's glory. This week highlights the need for a savior and sets the stage for understanding the promise of righteousness through faith.

Reflection Question for the Week:

How does recognizing the universality of sin impact your understanding of the need for grace and the role of Jesus in your life?

- **Day 1: The Faithfulness of God**

- **Read:** Romans 3:1-4
- **Cross-Reference:** Psalm 51:4; 2 Timothy 2:13
- **Reflection:** Despite human unfaithfulness, God remains faithful and His promises are true.
- **Question:** How does knowing that God's faithfulness is not dependent on human faithfulness affect your trust in Him?
- **Prayer:** Father, thank You for Your unwavering faithfulness. Help me trust in Your promises even when I fall short.

- **Day 2: The Universality of Sin**

- **Read:** Romans 3:9-12
- **Cross-Reference:** Ecclesiastes 7:20; 1 John 1:8
- **Reflection:** Both Jews and Gentiles are under the power of sin. No one is righteous on their own.
- **Question:** How does acknowledging the universal nature of sin deepen your appreciation for the need for a Savior?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me recognize my own need for grace and extend that understanding to others who also need Your salvation

- **Day 3: The Law and Its Purpose**

- **Read:** Romans 3:19-20
- **Cross-Reference:** Galatians 3:24-25; James 2:10
- **Reflection:** The law speaks to those under it and shows the whole world their need for God's righteousness.
- **Question:** How can you view the law as a means to understand your need for grace rather than a tool for self-righteousness?
- **Prayer:** Jesus, help me to see the law as a guide that points me to Your grace and not as a means of self-righteousness.

- **Day 4: The Righteousness Apart from the Law**

- **Read:** Romans 3:21-22
- **Cross-Reference:** Philippians 3:9; Galatians 2:16
- **Reflection:** Righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe, apart from the law.
- **Question:** How does knowing that righteousness comes through faith and not the law affect your relationship with God?
- **Prayer:** Lord, I thank You for the righteousness that comes through faith in Jesus. Help me to live fully in this truth.

- **Day 5: Justification by Faith**

- **Read:** Romans 3:23-24
- **Cross-Reference:** Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:7
- **Reflection:** All have sinned and fall short of God's glory, but are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.
- **Question:** How does the concept of justification by grace impact your understanding of your standing before God?
- **Prayer:** Father, thank You for justifying me by Your grace. Help me to embrace and live out this grace daily.

- **Day 6: The Sacrifice of Atonement**

- **Read:** Romans 3:25-26
- **Cross-Reference:** Hebrews 9:14; 1 John 2:2
- **Reflection:** Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, demonstrating God's justice and love.
- **Question:** How does understanding Jesus as the atoning sacrifice affect your appreciation of His work on the cross?
- **Prayer:** Lord, thank You for the sacrifice of Jesus that brings atonement for my sins. Help me to live in the light of His redemption.

- **Day 7: Boasting Excluded**

- **Read:** Romans 3:27-28
- **Cross-Reference:** 1 Corinthians 1:29-31; Galatians 6:14
- **Reflection:** Boasting is excluded because justification comes by faith, not by works.
- **Question:** How can you avoid boasting in your own efforts and instead boast in what Christ has done for you?
- **Prayer:** Jesus, help me to boast only in Your work and not in my own achievements. Keep me humble and grateful for Your grace.



SERIES 2

SOLA FIDE / FAITH ALONE

WEEKS 6-10



Series 2: Sola Fide / Faith Alone (Weeks 6-10)

In the “Sola Fide” series, we delve into the foundational principle of the Christian faith: justification by faith alone. This series explores how righteousness is attained not through our own efforts or adherence to the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ. Each week will illuminate the significance of this doctrine. We will also understand the overwhelming reign of grace over sin and the transformative power of being dead to sin and alive to God. Through this series, you will gain a deeper appreciation of how “Faith Alone” shapes our relationship with God and our daily lives, and how this doctrine liberates us from the bondage of trying to earn our salvation.



Week 6: Righteousness through Faith (Romans 3:21-31)

Week Synopsis:

This week delves into the doctrine of justification by faith alone. Paul explains that righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ and is not based on adherence to the law. This foundational concept is central to understanding salvation.

Reflection Question for the Week:

How does recognizing the universality of sin impact your understanding of the need for grace and the role of Jesus in your life?

- **Day 1: Righteousness Apart from the Law**

- **Read:** Romans 3:21-22
- **Cross-Reference:** Philippians 3:9; Galatians 2:16
- **Reflection:** Righteousness from God is revealed apart from the law through faith in Jesus Christ.
- **Question:** How does the concept of righteousness apart from the law affect your view of salvation?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me to fully grasp the righteousness that comes from faith and to rely on You alone for my salvation.

- **Day 2: Faith and Justification**

- **Read:** Romans 3:23-24
- **Cross-Reference:** Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:7
- **Reflection:** All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, but are justified freely by His grace through Jesus.
- **Question:** How does understanding that you are justified freely by grace impact your daily life?
- **Prayer:** Father, thank You for justifying me by Your grace. Help me to live out this truth with gratitude and humility.

- **Day 3: The Redemption in Christ**

- **Read:** Romans 3:25-26
- **Cross-Reference:** Hebrews 9:14; 1 John 2:2
- **Reflection:** Jesus' sacrifice is the atonement for our sins, showing God's justice and love.
- **Question:** How does the concept of redemption through Christ impact your understanding of God's justice and mercy?
- **Prayer:** Jesus, thank You for being my redemption. Help me to live in the light of Your sacrifice and to reflect Your love.

- **Day 4: The Exclusion of Boasting**

- **Read:** Romans 3:27-28
- **Cross-Reference:** 1 Corinthians 1:29-31; Galatians 6:14
- **Reflection:** Boasting is excluded because justification comes by faith, not by works of the law.
- **Question:** How can you avoid boasting in your own efforts and instead boast in what Christ has done for you?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me to boast only in Your grace and not in my own achievements. Keep me humble and focused on Your work.

- **Day 5: The One God for All**

- **Read:** Romans 3:29-30
- **Cross-Reference:** Acts 17:24-25; Galatians 3:28
- **Reflection:** God is the God of both Jews and Gentiles, and justification is by faith for all.
- **Question:** How does recognizing that God is for all people influence your view of inclusivity in the church and in your own life?
- **Prayer:** Father, thank You for being a God for all people. Help me to reflect Your inclusive love in my relationships and actions.

- **Day 6: Faith Upholds the Law**

- **Read:** Romans 3:31
- **Cross-Reference:** Matthew 5:17; James 2:8
- **Reflection:** Faith does not nullify the law but upholds it by fulfilling its true purpose.
- **Question:** How can you uphold the principles of the law through your faith in Christ?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me to live out the principles of Your law through my faith in You and to honor You in all that I do.

- **Day 7: Reflecting on Righteousness**

- **Read:** Romans 4:1-8
- **Cross-Reference:** Genesis 15:6; James 2:23
- **Reflection:** Righteousness is credited by faith, not by works. Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness.
- **Question:** How does Abraham's example of faith encourage you in your own walk with God?
- **Prayer:** Father, strengthen my faith as You did with Abraham, and let my trust in You be counted as righteousness.

Week 7: Abraham: The Father of Faith (Romans 4:1-25)

Week Synopsis:

Paul uses Abraham as an example of justification by faith. He highlights that Abraham was justified before the law and that faith, rather than works, is what counted for righteousness.

Reflection Question for the Week:

How can Abraham's example of faith inspire and guide your own faith journey?

- **Day 1: Abraham's Faith**
 - **Read:** Romans 4:1-5
 - **Cross-Reference:** Genesis 15:6; Galatians 3:6
 - **Reflection:** Abraham was justified by faith, not by works. His faith was credited to him as righteousness.
 - **Question:** How can you apply Abraham's faith to your own life and trust in God's promises?
 - **Prayer:** Lord, help me to trust in Your promises as Abraham did, and to rely on faith rather than my own efforts.
- **Day 2: The Promise to Abraham**
 - **Read:** Romans 4:6-8
 - **Cross-Reference:** Psalm 32:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:19
 - **Reflection:** David speaks of the blessedness of those whose sins are forgiven and whose transgressions are covered.
 - **Question:** How does understanding the forgiveness of sins through faith impact your relationship with God and others?
 - **Prayer:** Father, thank You for covering my transgressions and forgiving my sins. Help me to live in the light of Your grace and forgiveness.
- **Day 3: The Promise to the Uncircumcised**
 - **Read:** Romans 4:9-12
 - **Cross-Reference:** Genesis 17:10-14; Ephesians 2:14-16
 - **Reflection:** The promise of righteousness through faith extends to both circumcised and uncircumcised believers.
 - **Question:** How does the inclusivity of God's promise affect your understanding of the Church and your place in it?
 - **Prayer:** Lord, thank You for including all who have faith in Your promises. Help me to embrace and live out this inclusivity in my relationships and actions.
- **Day 4: The Promise and the Law**
 - **Read:** Romans 4:13-17
 - **Cross-Reference:** Galatians 3:15-18; Hebrews 6:13-15
 - **Reflection:** The promise to Abraham and his descendants is based on faith, not on adherence to the law.
 - **Question:** How can you rely on God's promises rather than trying to earn His favor through your own efforts?
 - **Prayer:** Father, help me to trust in Your promises and to rely on Your grace rather than on my own efforts to earn favor with You.

- **Day 5: Faith in the Face of Hope**

- **Read:** Romans 4:18-21
- **Cross-Reference:** Genesis 18:14; Hebrews 11:11
- **Reflection:** Abraham believed in God's promise even when hope seemed impossible, and his faith was credited to him as righteousness.
- **Question:** How can you maintain faith in God's promises even when your circumstances seem hopeless?
- **Prayer:** Lord, strengthen my faith and help me to trust in Your promises even when I face seemingly impossible situations.

- **Day 6: The Purpose of Abraham's Faith**

- **Read:** Romans 4:22-25
- **Cross-Reference:** Galatians 3:24-26; 1 Peter 1:3
- **Reflection:** Abraham's faith was credited to him as righteousness, and it was for our benefit as well, so that we might be justified by faith.
- **Question:** How does Abraham's faith serve as an example for your own journey of faith?
- **Prayer:** Father, thank You for Abraham's example of faith. Help me to follow his example and to trust in Your promises fully.

- **Day 7: The Impact of Justification**

- **Read:** Romans 5:1-5
- **Cross-Reference:** Ephesians 2:14-18; James 1:2-4
- **Reflection:** Justification by faith brings peace with God, access to grace, and hope through trials.
- **Question:** How does understanding your justification by faith impact your daily life and your approach to challenges?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me to live in the peace and hope that comes from being justified by faith. Strengthen me through trials and let Your grace abound in my life.

Week 8: Peace and Hope Through Christ (Romans 5:1-11)

Week Synopsis:

This week explores the peace and benefits that come from being justified by faith. Paul describes how this justification brings peace with God, access to grace, and hope that endures through trials.

Reflection Question for the Week:

How does the peace with God that comes through justification shape your perspective on life's challenges and your relationship with Him?

- **Day 1: Peace with God**

- **Read:** Romans 5:1
- **Cross-Reference:** Philippians 4:7; Colossians 3:15
- **Reflection:** Being justified by faith grants us peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Question:** How does the peace with God that comes from justification affect your daily interactions and responses to challenges?
- **Prayer:** Lord, thank You for the peace that comes from being justified by faith. Help me to experience and reflect this peace in all areas of my life.

- **Day 2: Access to Grace**

- **Read:** Romans 5:2
- **Cross-Reference:** Ephesians 2:18; Hebrews 4:16
- **Reflection:** We have access to God's grace through faith, which we stand in and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.
- **Question:** How can you actively seek and stand in God's grace in your daily life?
- **Prayer:** Father, help me to fully embrace and stand in Your grace. Guide me to live with hope and joy in Your promises.

- **Day 3: Hope through Trials**

- **Read:** Romans 5:3-5
- **Cross-Reference:** James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-7
- **Reflection:** Suffering produces perseverance, character, and hope, and this hope does not disappoint because of God's love.
- **Question:** How can you view trials and suffering as opportunities to develop perseverance and character?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me to find hope and strength through trials and to grow in perseverance and character through my challenges.

- **Day 4: The Love of God**

- **Read:** Romans 5:5
- **Cross-Reference:** John 3:16; 1 John 4:9-10
- **Reflection:** God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.
- **Question:** How does experiencing God's love in your heart influence your relationships with others?
- **Prayer:** Father, thank You for pouring Your love into my heart. Help me to reflect Your love in all my interactions with others.

- **Day 5: Christ's Sacrifice**
 - **Read:** Romans 5:6-8
 - **Cross-Reference:** 1 John 3:16; Galatians 2:20
 - **Reflection:** Christ died for us while we were still sinners, demonstrating the depth of God's love.
 - **Question:** How does the sacrifice of Christ for you while you were still a sinner impact your understanding of God's love and your response to it?
 - **Prayer:** Jesus, thank You for Your sacrificial love. Help me to live in a way that honors Your sacrifice and reflects Your love to others.
- **Day 6: Reconciliation with God**
 - **Read:** Romans 5:9-10
 - **Cross-Reference:** 2 Corinthians 5:18-19; Colossians 1:22
 - **Reflection:** Through Christ's death, we are reconciled to God, and much more will we be saved through His life.
 - **Question:** How does understanding your reconciliation with God through Christ's death impact your relationship with Him and your daily living?
 - **Prayer:** Father, thank You for reconciling me to You through Christ's death. Help me to live out this reconciliation and to grow in my relationship with You.
- **Day 7: Joy in God's Salvation**
 - **Read:** Romans 5:11
 - **Cross-Reference:** Psalm 51:12; Luke 10:20
 - **Reflection:** We rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have received reconciliation.
 - **Question:** How does the joy of salvation and reconciliation with God manifest in your daily life and interactions?
 - **Prayer:** Lord, let the joy of my salvation and reconciliation with You be evident in my life. Help me to rejoice in Your salvation every day.

Week 9: The Reign of Grace (Romans 6:1-14)

Week Synopsis:

This week focuses on the transformative power of grace. Paul discusses how grace should lead to a transformed life, free from sin and empowered to live in righteousness.

Reflection Question for the Week:

How can you allow the grace of God to transform your life and empower you to live in righteousness?

- **Day 1: Dead to Sin, Alive in Christ**

- **Read:** Romans 6:1-4
- **Cross-Reference:** Colossians 3:1-3; Galatians 2:20
- **Reflection:** Through baptism, we are united with Christ in His death and resurrection, symbolizing our new life.
- **Question:** How does understanding your union with Christ in His death and resurrection impact your daily life and choices?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me to live out the reality of being dead to sin and alive in Christ. Transform my daily choices to reflect this new life.

- **Day 2: The New Life in Christ**

- **Read:** Romans 6:5-7
- **Cross-Reference:** 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 4:22-24
- **Reflection:** Just as Christ was raised from the dead, we too can live a new life, free from sin.
- **Question:** How can you embrace and live out the new life that Christ has provided for you?
- **Prayer:** Father, help me to embrace and live out the new life You've given me in Christ. Transform me to reflect Your righteousness.

- **Day 3: The Power Over Sin**

- **Read:** Romans 6:8-11
- **Cross-Reference:** Galatians 5:24; 1 Peter 2:24
- **Reflection:** We are no longer slaves to sin but are alive to God in Christ Jesus.
- **Question:** How can you practically apply the truth of being dead to sin and alive to God in your daily life?
- **Prayer:** Jesus, help me to overcome sin in my life and to live fully alive to You. Empower me to make choices that reflect my new identity.

- **Day 4: Presenting Ourselves to God**

- **Read:** Romans 6:12-14
- **Cross-Reference:** 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Peter 2:9
- **Reflection:** We are called to present ourselves to God as instruments of righteousness, not letting sin reign in our bodies.
- **Question:** How can you actively present yourself to God as an instrument of righteousness each day?
- **Prayer:** Lord, guide me in presenting myself to You as an instrument of righteousness. Help me to resist sin and live out Your will.

- **Day 5: The Role of Grace**

- **Read:** Romans 6:15-18
- **Cross-Reference:** Titus 2:11-12; 1 Corinthians 15:10
- **Reflection:** Grace is not a license to sin but a call to live in obedience and righteousness.
- **Question:** How can you balance the understanding of grace as a gift with the call to live a righteous and obedient life?
- **Prayer:** Father, help me to understand grace correctly and to live in a way that honors You, balancing grace with righteous living.

- **Day 6: The Fruits of Righteousness**

- **Read:** Romans 6:19-23
- **Cross-Reference:** Philippians 1:11; James 3:18
- **Reflection:** Righteousness leads to sanctification and eternal life, while sin leads to death.
- **Question:** How can you cultivate the fruits of righteousness in your life and witness to others?
- **Prayer:** Lord, produce the fruits of righteousness in my life. Help me to grow in sanctification and to reflect Your eternal life to those around me.

- **Day 7: Reflecting on Grace**

- **Read:** Romans 6:1-14 (Review)
- **Cross-Reference:** Colossians 3:1-10; 1 John 3:9
- **Reflection:** Review how grace has transformed your life and how it continues to shape your journey.
- **Question:** How has your understanding of grace changed through this week, and how will you continue to let it shape your life?
- **Prayer:** Father, thank You for the transformative power of Your grace. Help me to continue living out the new life You've given me and to reflect Your righteousness daily.

Week 10: Dead to Sin, Alive to God (Romans 6:15-23)

Week Synopsis:

In the final week of this series, Paul contrasts the life of sin with the new life in Christ, emphasizing the fruits of righteousness and the ultimate gift of eternal life.

Reflection Question for the Week:

How does embracing the new life in Christ influence your daily decisions and your understanding of eternal life?

- **Day 1: The Transition from Sin to Righteousness**
 - **Read:** Romans 6:15-18
 - **Cross-Reference:** Titus 2:11-12; 1 Peter 2:16
 - **Reflection:** Grace calls us to move from being slaves of sin to becoming slaves of righteousness.
 - **Question:** How does understanding your transition from sin to righteousness impact your daily choices and priorities?
 - **Prayer:** Lord, help me to embrace the transition from sin to righteousness and to live out this change in my daily life.
- **Day 2: The Results of Righteousness**
 - **Read:** Romans 6:19-22
 - **Cross-Reference:** Galatians 5:22-23; James 3:18
 - **Reflection:** Righteousness leads to sanctification and results in eternal life.
 - **Question:** How can you actively pursue sanctification and reflect the results of righteousness in your life?
 - **Prayer:** Father, guide me in pursuing sanctification and let the results of righteousness be evident in my life.
- **Day 3: The Gift of Eternal Life**
 - **Read:** Romans 6:23
 - **Cross-Reference:** John 3:16; 1 John 5:11-12
 - **Reflection:** The gift of eternal life is a result of God's grace and the gift of righteousness.
 - **Question:** How does the promise of eternal life influence your perspective on your daily life and your eternal future?
 - **Prayer:** Lord, thank You for the gift of eternal life. Help me to live in the light of this promise and to share this hope with others.
- **Day 4: Reflecting on Your Journey**
 - **Read:** Romans 6:1-23 (Review)
 - **Cross-Reference:** Ephesians 2:1-10; Colossians 3:1-17
 - **Reflection:** Review your journey through Romans 6 and reflect on how the teachings have impacted your understanding of grace, righteousness, and eternal life.
 - **Question:** How has your understanding of grace and righteousness evolved throughout this series, and how will it influence your future walk with God?
 - **Prayer:** Father, thank You for the lessons from Romans 6. Help me to apply these truths to my life and to continue growing in grace and righteousness.

- **Day 5: Living Out the New Life**

- **Read:** Romans 6:
- **Cross-Reference:** Colossians 3:1-10 ; 1 Peter 1:13-16; Philippians 4:8-9
- **Reflection:** Embrace the new life in Christ by setting your heart on things above and putting away the old self.
- **Question:** How can you practically live out the new life in Christ and reflect His character in your daily interactions?
- **Prayer:** Lord, help me to live out the new life You've given me and to reflect Your character in all my interactions.

- **Day 6: Sharing the Message**

- **Read:** Romans 6:1-23 (Review)
- **Cross-Reference:** Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20
- **Reflection:** Share the message of grace and righteousness with others, making disciples and reflecting God's love.
- **Question:** How can you be a more effective witness of God's grace and righteousness in your community and relationships?
- **Prayer:** Father, guide me in sharing Your message of grace and righteousness with others. Help me to be a faithful witness in my community.

- **Day 7: Closing Reflection**

- **Read:** Romans 6:1-23 (Review)
- **Cross-Reference:** 2 Corinthians 5:17; Revelation 21:1-4
- **Reflection:** Review your journey through the series and consider how the truths of Romans 6 shape your hope and future with God.
- **Question:** How does the truth of being dead to sin and alive in Christ shape your future hope and your life today?
- **Prayer:** Lord, thank You for the journey through Romans 6. Help me to continue living out these truths and to look forward with hope to the future You have promised.

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