

Transformed by Truth: A Reading Plan for Romans 9-16

This reading plan will take us through the final chapters of Romans (9-16), revealing God's sovereign plan, the beauty of salvation by grace, the call to live transformed lives, and the unity of the Church. Each day includes scripture readings, reflections, two questions for deeper thought, and a prayer.

Week of March 23 – March 29: Living as a Transformed People

Summary: This week, we move into the heart of Paul's call to live as transformed people. Romans 13 and 14 challenge us to walk in love, submit to governing authorities, and bear with one another in unity. Paul calls believers to be distinct in how they live, reflecting Christ's character in a world that desperately needs Him. Our faith is not just about personal salvation; it transforms the way we relate to society and fellow believers.

March 23: Submitting to Authorities with Trust in God

Scriptures:

- Romans 13:1-7
- Daniel 2:21
- 1 Peter 2:13-17
- Matthew 22:21

Reflection: Paul's words on submitting to governing authorities can be challenging, especially when those in power seem unjust. But his point is clear: God is ultimately in control. Our submission is not about blind obedience; it's about demonstrating a trust in God's sovereignty, living with integrity, and honoring Him in how we engage with the world.

Questions:

- How does my response to authority reflect my trust in God?
- How can I model Christlike integrity in my engagement with society?

Prayer: Lord, help me to trust in Your sovereignty even when leadership is flawed. Let my actions reflect integrity, peace, and a willingness to honor You above all else. Amen.

March 24: The Debt of Love

Scriptures:

- Romans 13:8-10
- John 13:34-35
- Galatians 5:14
- 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Reflection: Paul tells us to let no debt remain outstanding, except the debt to love one another. Love is the fulfillment of the law—it shapes how we live, how we treat others, and how we demonstrate Christ to the world. Our love should be ongoing, selfless, and reflective of God's own love for us.

Questions:

- In what ways can I love others more sacrificially?
- How does my love for others reflect Christ's love for me?

Prayer: Father, teach me to love as You love. Let my life be a reflection of Your grace, and let my interactions with others reveal the transforming power of Your love. Amen.

March 25: Clothed in Christ

Scriptures:

- Romans 13:11-14
- Colossians 3:12-14
- Ephesians 4:22-24
- Galatians 3:27

Reflection: Paul urges us to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ." Just as clothing reflects identity, what we "wear" spiritually should make it evident who we belong to. Living in Christ means leaving behind sinful habits, pursuing holiness, and walking in the Spirit's power.

Questions:

- What does it mean for me to "put on" Christ daily?
- Are there areas of my life where I need to leave behind sinful habits?

Prayer: Jesus, I want to be clothed in You. Cover me with Your righteousness and help me walk in newness of life, leaving behind the things that don't honor You. Amen.

March 26: Bearing with One Another in Love

Scriptures:

- Romans 14:1-4
- Ephesians 4:2-3
- Colossians 3:13
- Matthew 7:1-5

Reflection: In a world quick to judge, Paul reminds us that God alone is the judge. We are called to bear with one another, extending grace rather than criticism. The Christian life is not about winning arguments but about building unity.

Questions:

- How can I be more patient and gracious with others?
- Are there areas where I am quick to judge rather than extend grace?

Prayer: Lord, help me to love others as You love me. Give me patience, humility, and a heart that seeks peace over division. Amen.

March 27: Living for the Lord, Not Ourselves

Scriptures:

- Romans 14:5-12
- 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Philippians 1:21
- Matthew 6:33

Reflection: Paul reminds us that we do not live for ourselves, but for the Lord. Every decision we make, every action we take should be done with His glory in mind. This challenges us to shift from self-centeredness to a life fully surrendered to Christ.

Questions:

- What areas of my life do I need to surrender more fully to Christ?
- How does my daily life reflect a desire to glorify God?

Prayer: Jesus, help me to live for You in all things. May my choices, words, and actions reflect a heart that desires Your will above all else. Amen.

March 28: Pursuing Peace and Mutual Encouragement

Scriptures:

- Romans 14:13-19
- Hebrews 12:14
- Matthew 5:9
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11

Reflection: Paul encourages believers to pursue peace and build each other up. Our words and actions have power—we can either be a source of encouragement or a cause for stumbling. Are we using our influence to draw others closer to Christ?

Questions:

- How can I be intentional about building others up in their faith?
- Are there ways I can better pursue peace in my relationships?

Prayer: Father, let me be a person who brings peace, not division. Use me to strengthen, encourage, and uplift others as we walk together in faith. Amen.

March 29: The Kingdom of God is More Than Rules

Scriptures:

- Romans 14:20-23
- Luke 17:20-21
- Matthew 6:10
- 1 Corinthians 4:20

Reflection: Paul reminds us that the kingdom of God is not about eating or drinking, but about righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. Faith is not just about rules and rituals but about a genuine relationship with Jesus.

Questions:

- Am I focusing too much on religious rules rather than a relationship with Christ?
- How does my faith bring peace and joy to my life?

Prayer: Lord, let my faith be centered on You, not on empty rituals. Help me to live in the joy and peace of Your Spirit, knowing that my salvation rests in Your grace alone. Amen.