

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 30 – April 5: Living for Others & the Glory of God

Summary: This week, Paul urges believers to live in harmony, bear one another's burdens, and glorify God in unity. The strong are called to support the weak, not to please themselves but to build others up. Jesus is our example—He did not seek His own comfort, but gave Himself fully for the good of others. Our lives should reflect the same heart: selflessness, encouragement, and worship that draws others to Christ.

March 30: Bearing One Another's Burdens

Scriptures:

- Romans 15:1-6
- Galatians 6:2
- Philippians 2:3-4
- 1 Corinthians 10:24

Reflection: Paul reminds us that stronger believers are called to carry the weaknesses of others, not to condemn them. Spiritual maturity is not measured by knowledge but by love. We should seek the good of our brothers and sisters in Christ, building them up rather than tearing them down.

Questions:

- How can I intentionally encourage and uplift those who are struggling?
- In what ways can I reflect Jesus' selflessness in my daily relationships?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for Your patience and grace with me. Help me to be patient with others, to lift up those who are weary, and to walk in love rather than judgment. Fill me with Your Spirit so that I may reflect the heart of Jesus, not seeking my own good, but looking to serve and build others up. Give me the wisdom to know when to speak encouragement and when to simply walk beside someone in love. Amen.

March 31: Christ, the Servant for All

Scriptures:

- Romans 15:7-13
- Isaiah 49:6
- Mark 10:45
- John 13:12-17

Reflection: Jesus came not just for Israel, but for all people—Jews and Gentiles alike. Paul emphasizes that Christ became a servant to confirm God's promises and open the way for all nations to glorify Him. Just as Jesus humbled Himself to serve, we too are called to embrace others in love and humility.

Questions:

- How does Jesus' example of servanthood challenge my attitude toward others?
- Are there barriers in my heart that keep me from fully embracing all people with Christ's love?

Prayer: Lord Jesus, You came not to be served, but to serve and give Your life as a ransom for many. Help me to follow Your example—to set aside my pride and selfishness and become a servant to those around me. Open my heart to love others the way You do, regardless of their background or story. Fill me with joy as I welcome others into Your kingdom, knowing that I too have been welcomed by Your grace. Amen.

April 1: Paul's Passion for the Gospel

Scriptures:

- Romans 15:14-21
- 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
- Acts 20:24
- Isaiah 52:15

Reflection: Paul's deep passion was to take the gospel where Christ had not yet been named. He saw his mission as a sacred calling, empowered by the Holy Spirit to proclaim the good news to the nations. Our lives may not look like Paul's, but we are all entrusted with the gospel and called to share it boldly.

Questions:

- Where has God placed me to share His truth?
- What holds me back from speaking about Jesus with boldness?

Prayer: Father, give me a heart like Paul's—a heart that burns with a passion for Your gospel. Help me to see the people around me as You see them, as souls in need of Your love and truth. Remove my fear and hesitation, and fill me with the courage to share the hope that I have in Christ. May my words and my actions reflect the beauty of Your gospel so that others are drawn to You. Amen.

April 2: Striving Together in Prayer

Scriptures:

- Romans 15:22-33
- Colossians 4:2-4
- Ephesians 6:18-20
- James 5:16

Reflection: Paul understood that his ministry was not just about his own efforts, but about the prayers of the saints. He urged believers to strive together with him in prayer—to intercede for

his safety and for the success of the gospel mission. Prayer is not just an individual practice; it is a collective battle we fight together.

Questions:

- How can I be more intentional in praying for others?
- Who in my life needs encouragement through intercessory prayer?

Prayer: Lord, remind me of the power of prayer—not just for my own needs but for the needs of others. Help me to be faithful in lifting up my family, my friends, my church, and those who are serving You around the world. Stir my heart to pray for those who do not yet know You, that they may come to see Your truth. May my prayers be a weapon against darkness and a means of bringing Your kingdom on earth. Amen.

April 3: Commended and Called

Scriptures:

- Romans 16:1-16
- Acts 18:1-4
- Philippians 1:3-6
- 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Reflection: Paul takes time to commend fellow believers by name, recognizing their faithfulness in ministry. This reminds us that God sees every act of service, no matter how small. Each person in the body of Christ has a unique role, and none are insignificant.

Questions:

- Who in my life needs encouragement and recognition for their faithfulness?
- How am I using my gifts to serve the body of Christ?

Prayer: Father, thank You for the brothers and sisters in Christ who encourage and strengthen my faith. Help me to express gratitude for those who serve faithfully. May I also be faithful in using the gifts You have given me, never seeking recognition for myself but always working for Your glory. Amen.

April 4: Be Wise About What is Good

Scriptures:

- Romans 16:17-20
- Matthew 10:16
- Proverbs 4:23
- 1 Peter 5:8-9

Reflection: Paul warns believers to be watchful of false teachers and divisive people. He encourages them to be wise in what is good and innocent of evil. Our walk with Christ requires both discernment and vigilance so that we are not led astray by deception.

Questions:

- How can I be more discerning in recognizing false influences?
- What does it mean to be “wise in what is good” in my daily life?

Prayer:Lord, give me wisdom and discernment to recognize truth from deception. Help me to walk in integrity, pursuing what is good and guarding my heart against evil. Strengthen me to stand firm in my faith, never compromising Your truth. Amen.

April 5: To God Be the Glory

Scriptures:

- Romans 16:25-27
- 1 Corinthians 10:31
- Psalm 115:1
- Revelation 5:12-13

Reflection:Paul ends his letter with a doxology—a declaration of praise to God. The gospel is not just about us; it is ultimately for His glory. Our lives should reflect this truth: everything we are, everything we do, is meant to bring glory to God.

Questions:

- How does my life bring glory to God?
- Am I living for my own recognition or for His?

Prayer:God, You alone deserve all glory, honor, and praise. Let my life be a reflection of Your goodness and grace. May my words, my actions, and my heart's desires all bring honor to Your name. Help me to live not for my own ambitions, but for Your kingdom. Amen.