

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 April 6 – April 13: Transformed by Truth

Summary: As we approach the final days of this journey through Romans, Paul's closing words remind us of our new identity in Christ and our call to live transformed lives. The gospel isn't just something we believe—it is the power of God that changes everything. We are called to renew our minds, walk in obedience, and embrace the fullness of our salvation. This week, we reflect on the call to live as a people transformed by truth, walking in the grace and power of Christ.

April 6: A Living Sacrifice

Scriptures:

- Romans 12:1-2
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Ephesians 4:22-24
- 1 Peter 1:13-16

Reflection: Paul begins this section with a challenge: In view of God's mercy, offer yourselves as living sacrifices. True worship is not just about singing songs—it is about surrendering our entire lives to God. Transformation begins with a renewed mind, aligning our thoughts, desires, and actions with God's will.

Questions:

- What does it mean for my life to be a "living sacrifice"?
- Are there areas of my mind that still need renewal?

Prayer: Father, I give myself fully to You as a living sacrifice. Transform my thoughts, my desires, and my actions to reflect Your will. Help me not to conform to the patterns of this world, but to live in a way that honors You. Renew my mind so that I may walk in truth and obedience. Amen.

April 7: Using Your Gifts for God's Glory

Scriptures:

- Romans 12:3-8
- 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
- Ephesians 2:10
- 1 Peter 4:10-11

Reflection: God has uniquely gifted every believer for the good of the body of Christ. Paul urges us to use our gifts humbly and faithfully—whether it’s teaching, encouraging, serving, or leading. Our talents are not meant for personal recognition but for building up others and glorifying God.

Questions:

- How am I using my gifts to serve others and build God’s kingdom?
- Do I see my role in the church as essential to the body of Christ?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the gifts You have given me. Help me to use them not for my own gain, but for Your glory. Show me where I can serve, encourage, and build up the body of Christ. May I be faithful in using what You have entrusted to me. Amen.

April 8: Overcoming Evil with Good

Scriptures:

- Romans 12:9-21
- Matthew 5:43-48
- Proverbs 25:21-22
- 1 Thessalonians 5:15

Reflection: Paul’s challenge is radical: Bless those who persecute you, repay evil with good, and overcome hate with love. The Christian response to injustice is not revenge—it’s grace, patience, and kindness. In a world that encourages retaliation, we are called to reflect Christ’s love, even when it’s difficult.

Questions:

- How do I typically respond to those who wrong me?
- What would it look like to truly overcome evil with good in my life?

Prayer: Jesus, You loved Your enemies and forgave even those who crucified You. Help me to do the same. When I am wronged, give me the strength to respond with grace. Let my actions reflect Your mercy, that others may see You through me. Amen.

April 9: Submitting to Authority

Scriptures:

- Romans 13:1-7
- 1 Peter 2:13-17
- Titus 3:1-2
- Proverbs 21:1

Reflection: Paul reminds us that all authority is established by God, even when leaders are imperfect. As Christians, we are called to respect governing authorities, pray for leaders, and live honorably. This doesn’t mean blind obedience—but it does mean trusting that God is in control, even in uncertain times.

Questions:

- How does my attitude toward authority reflect my trust in God?
- How can I be a light in my community through honor and respect?

Prayer: Lord, help me to walk in wisdom when it comes to authority. Give me discernment to know when to submit and when to stand for righteousness. Above all, let my actions reflect trust in You as the ultimate authority. Amen.

April 10: Clothed with Christ

Scriptures:

- Romans 13:8-14
- Galatians 3:27
- Colossians 3:12-14
- Ephesians 5:8-10

Reflection: Paul urges us to put on Christ like a garment—to live in such a way that our lives reflect His love, righteousness, and truth. He warns against indulging in sin and calls us to wake up and walk in the light. Being clothed in Christ means that His character becomes our own.

Questions:

- What does it mean for me to be “clothed in Christ” daily?
- Are there habits or sins that I need to “put off” in order to walk in the light?

Prayer: Jesus, clothe me in Your righteousness. Let my actions, words, and thoughts reflect You. Keep me from the darkness of sin, and help me to walk in the light of Your truth every day. Amen.

April 11: The Example of Christ’s Humility

Scriptures:

- Romans 15:1-7
- Philippians 2:1-11
- Matthew 20:25-28
- John 13:12-15

Reflection: Paul points to Jesus as the ultimate example of humility. Though He had all power, He chose to serve rather than be served. We are called to live with the same mindset—bearing with one another, considering others before ourselves, and embracing humility in all things.

Questions:

- How can I serve others with the humility of Christ?
- Am I willing to put others before myself, even when it’s inconvenient?

Prayer: Jesus, You humbled Yourself to the point of death for my sake. Teach me to walk in humility, to serve others joyfully, and to reflect Your selfless love. Remove my pride and make me more like You. Amen.

April 12: The Unity of God's People

Scriptures:

- Romans 15:8-13
- John 17:20-23
- Ephesians 4:1-6
- Colossians 3:14-15

Reflection: God's plan has always been to bring people from every nation into His family. Paul emphasizes unity in Christ—Jew and Gentile alike are called to glorify God together. Division has no place in the body of Christ. We are one in Him.

Questions:

- Am I actively pursuing unity within the body of Christ?
- How can I be an agent of reconciliation in my community?

Prayer: Lord, let Your church be a place of unity and love. Remove division, bitterness, and pride from our hearts. Help me to build bridges rather than walls and to love my brothers and sisters as You love us. Amen.

April 13 (Palm Sunday): Transformed for God's Glory

Scriptures:

- Romans 16:25-27
- John 12:12-19
- Revelation 7:9-12
- Psalm 145:10-13

Reflection: Paul ends Romans with a doxology—a declaration that all things exist for God's glory. As we celebrate Palm Sunday, we remember that Jesus entered Jerusalem as King—not just of Israel, but of the world. Our lives are meant to glorify Him in all we do.

Questions:

- How is my life bringing glory to God?
- Am I living as a transformed witness to His truth?

Prayer: Jesus, You are the King of all creation. As we call on the name of the Lord Jesus, You are the King of Kings, the fulfillment of every promise, the culmination of history, and the hope of all creation. As we stand at the conclusion of this journey through Romans, we recognize that Your gospel has transformed us, renewing our minds, shaping our hearts, and calling us to live in a way that reflects Your glory.

You have shown us that salvation is by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. You have reminded us that nothing can separate us from Your love, that suffering is not meaningless, and that our lives are meant to display the beauty of Your redemption. You have called us to be a people of truth, to walk in the Spirit, and to be bold in proclaiming the good news to the world.

Today, as we remember the day You entered Jerusalem to the cries of "Hosanna," we ask that You enter the deepest places of our hearts. Tear down every barrier that keeps us from full

surrender. Remove every distraction that keeps us from worship. Align our desires with Yours so that we may live as transformed people, fully devoted to You.

May we never forget the depth of Your mercy, the power of Your Spirit, and the mission You have entrusted to us. Until the day we see You face to face, may we live boldly, love deeply, and walk faithfully in the truth of the gospel.

To You alone be the glory, both now and forever. Amen.

Final Reflection: The Journey Through Romans

This journey through Romans has not just been about understanding a book of the Bible—it has been about transformation. Paul’s letter is more than theological discourse; it is a call to a new way of life, rooted in the gospel, empowered by the Spirit, and sustained by the unshakable love of God.

We have seen that our righteousness is not our own—it is given to us through faith in Christ. We have wrestled with the reality of sin, the magnitude of grace, and the incredible assurance that nothing can separate us from God’s love. We have been called to live as those who belong to Christ, walking in the Spirit, resisting conformity to the world, and embracing the mission of making Christ known.

From the depths of our depravity to the heights of God’s mercy, from our struggles with sin to the freedom found in the Spirit, from Israel’s history to the inclusion of the nations, Romans has revealed the grand and glorious plan of God. And now, as we conclude, we recognize that this is not the end—it is a beginning.

The gospel does not just change our eternity; it changes today. The call of Romans is to live transformed, renewed, and bold for the sake of the kingdom. We are His people. We are His church. We are His ambassadors. The truth we have encountered in Romans is not meant to remain in our heads—it must be lived, preached, and shared.

As we step forward, may we be a people rooted in grace, fueled by faith, and transformed by truth. And may our lives be a continual testimony that the gospel is the power of God for salvation, to everyone who believes.

To Him be the glory, forever and ever. Amen.