

Discovered:

- Letter written by Paul to Roman believers
- Paul prays for them & hopes to be able to go to Rome soon
- The righteous live by faith but those who deny the truth of who God is will face the wrath of God.
- We have no right to judge others, for only God has the right to judge. God will judge us based on our actions.
- As a Jew, you cannot rely on the law or circumcision to save you, for all with sin are to be judged - no longer righteous.
- Everyone is equal, everyone sins - does not matter if Jew or Gentile, whole world is held accountable to sin.
- We no longer require the law to be blameless before God - if we have faith in Jesus who gives grace as a gift (death on cross - His blood) rely on Christ.
- Abraham was considered righteous by his faith & circumcision was a symbol of that & the promises made to Abraham.
- Abraham's promise that he would be the father of nations was a result of faith not law.
- Through faith we have peace with God & access to grace. Through our suffering, we grow in our endurance, character & hope.
- Christ died for us - sinners, declared righteous by His blood.
- Adam's sin led to humanity's corruption, but Christ's gift restores righteousness for those who believe.
- With our belief in Christ, we are given a new life in Christ, one under grace not the law.
- Since we now serve God, we receive eternal life.
- Being united with Christ, we now bear fruit for God instead of dead fruit.
- Sin uses God's law to show us our sin - the trouble is not with the law, but with myself.
- Everyone who confesses Jesus is Lord & believes that He was raised from the dead - regardless of who they are, for God is the Lord of all, will be saved.
- However, God has not rejected His people, but some have hardened their hearts towards God.
- Because the Israelites reject the Messiah - it allows for the salvation of the Gentiles via faith.
- At some point, Israel will be restored.
- Honor your bodies, do not chase after the world, seek after His will.
- Be humble: we each have God-given gifts (each different) & should use them but we are all part of one body, one church.
- Let love be genuine, hate evil & serve the Lord. Let good overcome evil.
- God is supreme authority, but has given others authority - obey it, honor it, respect it.
- Be a light, shine love - one who loves fulfills the commandments.
- Do not pass judgement on others, honor the Lord with your actions.
- Do not be a stumbling block to others or put blocks in their way, pursue peace & building others up.
- God grants peace & joy to those who believe - given hope by Holy Spirit.
- Paul hoped to visit Rome soon, but was sending Phoebe to them. He sent greetings to many.
- Watch out for those who deceive & wish to create division.
- Paul was called to be a minister to the Gentiles.

Help me to remember:

God has created us each as unique individuals, with different talents to serve the church as a whole and we alone are each responsible for our relationship with Him - it is our individual choice to have faith in what Christ has done for us.

Lord, I ask that

I understand the gifts that You have given me and I ask for help in using them to the best of my ability to serve You.

Heavenly Father, I am thankful for...
your plan - that led to me knowing You.
That you