



YRML: ROMANS PREP BOOK

PART 2 (CHAPTERS 3-5)

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Welcome to YRML Romans!

We're praying that through the months ahead we will be encouraged, challenged and changed by God as He speaks to us through Romans.

This booklet is designed to help you get the most out of the coming year.

How to use this study manual...



Preparation – although it may be new to you, we hope this year will show how big a difference it makes to carefully read and think about a passage before meeting up to study it together



Study Toolkit – to help us with this, there are various tools which will be introduced throughout the year. There's a summary of the basic toolkit on pages 4&5.



Space – there's lots of space to fill in answers to prep questions, or to note down any truths you learn about Jesus & why He came.

Think about how to build some time into your week to pray & to reflect on the passage. You could do this **by yourself or with others** from Youth RML. Rather than thinking of it as 'homework', see this time as a chance to hear God speak to you, and to help you to come to Youth RML with thoughts and questions to share with others.

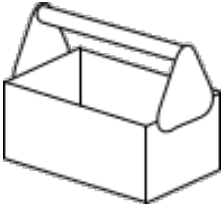
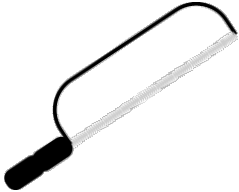
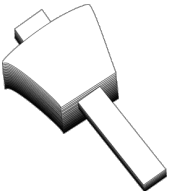
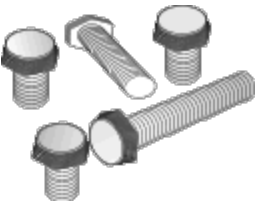
We're praying that this year will be a great chance to grow in your knowledge and love of God, and that you will know for yourself the goodness of what God has done for us through Jesus.

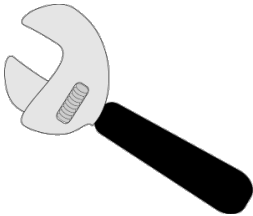
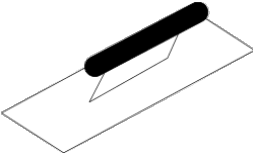
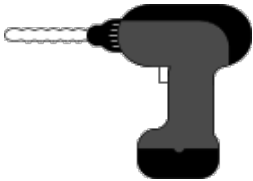
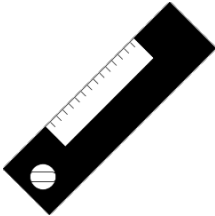
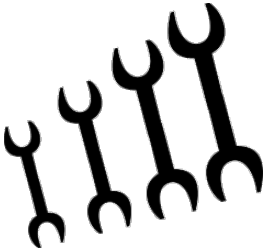
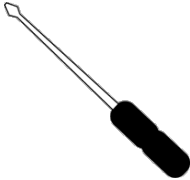
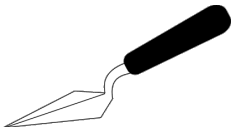
A Basic Bible Study Toolkit



Recommended reading: *Dig Deeper: Tools to Unearth the Bible's Treasure*, Nigel Beynon and Andrew Sach (IVP, 2005), available from the YRML library!

WARNING! We're going to talk about 'tools', but *just* as a way of helping each other to listen. We don't want to imply that Bible study is some sort of 'mechanical' process. It's a *relational* process, whereby we listen attentively as God speaks to us.

	Author's Purpose Tool	<i>Dig Deeper</i> , chapter 2. The biggest question we can ever ask of a passage in the Bible is simply: why did the author write this?
	Context Tool	<i>Dig Deeper</i> , chapter 3. Words come within sentences, sentences in paragraphs, paragraphs in chapters, chapters in sections... Rip something out of context and you'll miss what Paul is saying.
	Structure Tool	<i>Dig Deeper</i> , chapter 4. How has Paul broken down his material into sections? How do these sections fit together?
	Linking Words Tool	<i>Dig Deeper</i> , chapter 5. Whenever you see a 'therefore' ask what it's there for. And the same goes for words like 'because', 'so that', 'for' etc.
	Narrator's Comment Tool	<i>Dig Deeper</i> , chapter 7. Sometimes the author breaks into his narrative to explain what's going on (a kind of "psst, reader, make sure you understand this...")
	Vocabulary Tool	<i>Dig Deeper</i> , chapter 8. Mostly you can find what words mean by looking them up in a dictionary. But be alert in case Paul is using a familiar word in a special or unusual way.

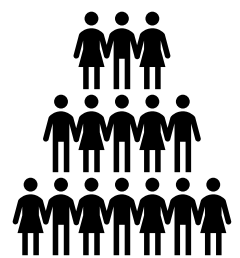
	Translations Tool	<i>Dig Deeper</i>, chapter 9. Check passages across different translations. If there are important differences, try to find out more.
	Tone and Feel Tool	<i>Dig Deeper</i>, chapter 10. As we come to the Bible, we should not only pay attention to the point that is being made, but also how it is being made. What feelings does the passage evoke?
	Repetition Tool	<i>Dig Deeper</i>, chapter 11. Sometimes Paul says something more than once to make sure we don't miss it. Sometimes Paul says something more than once to make sure we don't miss it. Look for repetition.
	Quotation / Allusion Tool	<i>Dig Deeper</i>, chapter 12. When Paul quotes or alludes to another part of the Bible, we should look up the original context of his quotation. What connection is he making and why?
	Genre Tool	<i>Dig Deeper</i>, chapter 13. There are many types of genre in the Bible – songs, prophecies, proverbs, laments, visions, speeches, parables, historical narrative. Identifying the genre is very important to how we interpret a passage.
	Copypcat Tool	<i>Dig Deeper</i>, chapter 14. Is Paul holding anyone up as someone we should imitate or whose likeness we should avoid?
	The 'Who am I?' Tool	<i>Dig Deeper</i>, chapter 16. With which person/group/character (if any) does Paul intend us to identify ourselves?
	'So What?' Tool	<i>Dig Deeper</i>, chapter 17. What difference does this make to my life? How will it work out in particular situations I am facing at the moment?

Romans: The Story So Far....

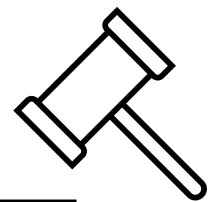
In **1:1-17**, Paul began by talking about how GREAT the gospel is. He wanted to remind the Romans of the gospel so that they would be strengthened in their faith.



From **1:18-3:20**, Paul starts with the bad news... We learn that every human being is guilty of suppressing the truth about God, and so everyone is rightly under God's wrath. He shows us that there are no exceptions, no excuses. No one is righteous (3:10), and that's a huge problem.



And so by **3:19-20**, we see that the verdict facing everyone is really serious, and we can't fix it:

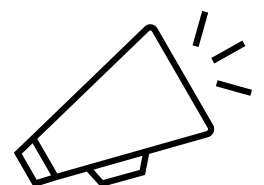


*'Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that **every mouth may be stopped**, and the **whole world may be held accountable to God**.²⁰ For by works of the law **no human being** will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.'* (Romans 3:19-20)



But wonderfully **that's not the end of the story!**

From **3:21** onwards, Paul begins to unfold God's wonderful solution... so let's read on!



Memory Verse

A reminder of the first memory verse...

*'For I am not ashamed of the gospel,
for it is the power of God for
salvation to everyone who believes,
to the Jew first and also the Greek'*

Romans 1:16

And here's the second one...

**"...for all have sinned
and fall short of the glory of God,
and are justified by his grace as a gift..."**

Romans 3:23-24a

Study 6 - Romans 3:21-26

²¹ But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶ It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- Pray** *Ask for God's help to hear Him speak as you read the passage.*
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Vocabulary Tool

Dig Deeper, chapter 8.

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So far in Romans we have seen that all of humanity is rightly under God's wrath. Paul now turns to God's wonderful solution!

He uses some important vocab in these verses. Here are some definitions:

Justified – *declared right with God*

Redemption – *to pay the price to set someone free from slavery*

Propitiation – *a sacrifice that bears God's wrath against sin*

Using these definitions, look at v23-25 and have a go at explaining God's solution in your own words.

What does this solution show us about God?

Why is this such good news for us / for our world?

Spend some time thinking & praying about your response to the passage.

Study 7 - Romans 3:27-4:25

27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since God is one—who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. 31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

4 What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness.” ⁴Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works:

⁷“Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven,
and whose sins are covered;

⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

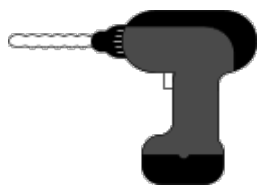
⁹Is this blessing then only for the circumcised, or also for the uncircumcised? For we say that faith was counted to Abraham as righteousness. ¹⁰How then was it counted to him? Was it before or after he had been circumcised? It was not after, but before he was circumcised. ¹¹He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe without being circumcised, so that

righteousness would be counted to them as well, ¹²and to make him the father of the circumcised who are not merely circumcised but who also walk in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

¹³For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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Repetition Tool

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Spotting repeated words can help us to figure out the big point Paul is making. Look through the passage and **highlight the repeated words**.

The passage talks lots about law / works / faith / belief / circumcision. How was Abraham made right with God? (*Make a note of the verses that help you to answer this*)

Mark the following statements as true or false:

- Abraham could boast before God
- If someone works, they deserve their wages
- Righteousness by faith alone is only for Gentiles
- Everyone is a child of Abraham

Why would it matter if Abraham was made right through works / circumcision? (*eg see v14*)

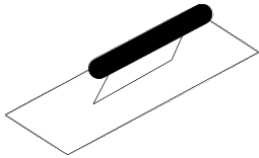
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Study 8 - Romans 5:1-11

⁵ Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ² Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. ¹¹ More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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Paul doesn't just write to give information: he writes in a way that teaches us how to respond to these truths.

Read the passage and highlight any words that talk about an **emotion / response**.

How do you think Paul wanted the Christians in Rome to feel as they read this passage?

Why do Christians have lots of reasons to rejoice? *(There are several answers in these verses! It might help to think about what we learn about a Christian's past / present / future)*

Spend some time thinking & praying about your response to the passage.

Study 9 - Romans 5:12-21

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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In this passage Paul compares Adam & Jesus. How do they compare?

Adam	Jesus

What impact did Adam have on the world? What do you hate most about sin & death being in the world?

How do these verses help us to see why Jesus' rescue is such a big deal for us & our world?

Spend some time thinking & praying about your response to the passage.

Study 10 - Romans 1-5 Review

Pray *Ask for God's help to hear Him speak as you read the passage*

Read *Look back over all of Romans 1-5*
 - it might help to look back through your notes as well

How would you explain Romans 1-5 to a friend who has never read it before?
You could write a few short sentences, draw a diagram, make a comic strip, or something else!

What have we learned about God?

What have we learned about humans?

What have we learned about Jesus?

What have we learned about response to the gospel?

What would you like to thank God for? What would you like to pray about?

Spend some time thinking & praying about your response to the passage.

Youth RML Prayer Partner

Here are some prayer points from **Joelle Kenny**, our mission partner based in Ratanakiri in rural Cambodia. She runs Bible studies for women and youth groups in some of the local villages.



- Give thanks for two teenagers, **Sinet & Chanda**, who are helping to lead the youth group; pray they will have energy to keep serving with enthusiasm
- Give thanks for a good time **studying Acts** with the Ochum youth group and pray that they will continue to apply lessons they learned about serving God amidst hardship
- Pray for the youth back in their home villages, that they resist temptation and **stand firm** in their faith. Pray they are a good witness of what it means to serve God wholeheartedly, and that they wouldn't be ashamed of Jesus
- Pray for the youth who have just finished school as they make **decisions about the future**. Pray that those who get married will make wise decisions about who to marry; pray that those who go to the capital to study will get stuck into a good church, and that all of them will keep going as Christians



Youth RML Calendar 2025-26

September	10	Welcome Party & YRML begins
	29	Prayer Supper
October	22	Guest Event
	27	Prayer Supper
	29	No RML (Half Term)
November	24	Prayer Supper
December	17	Christmas Dinner
January	7	First RML of term
	26	Prayer Supper
	28	No RML
	30 – 1	Brunction weekend
February	18	No RML (Half Term)
	23	Prayer Supper
March	25	Easter Guest Event
	30	Prayer Supper
April	22	First RML of term
	27	Prayer Supper & APCM
May	20	No RML (Week of Events)
	27	No RML (Half Term)
June	1	Prayer Supper
	29	Prayer Supper
July	1	Summer party
	8	Summerlink begins