

INSIGHTS ON ROMANS: THE CHRISTIAN'S CONSTITUTION

ROMANS: OUR DOCTRINAL CONSTITUTION

SELECTIONS FROM ROMANS



The Heart of the Matter

The letter to the Romans is a premier document of Christian truth. What the Constitution is to the United States—the foundational rule of law for the country—the letter to the Romans is to the Christian faith. Those of us who hope to grow deeply in our understanding of God's truth must ultimately anchor our minds in the letter to the Romans. So, as we approach this book for the first time in this series, let's get a handle on some of its basic features and consider how we might apply its principles to our own relationships with Christ.



Discovering the Way

1. Five Questions: An Overview of Romans

To begin our study of Romans, we need to answer five fundamental questions.

2. Five Sections: Putting Romans Together

When we see how Romans fits together as a whole, we can begin to get a sense of Paul's overall aims in the letter.

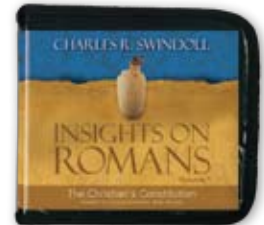


Starting Your Journey

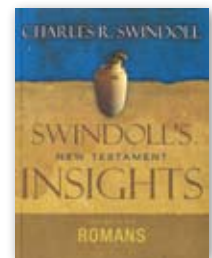
It's important that we view Romans not only as a letter to the Roman church or as a doctrinal document but also as a relevant and personal letter to believers like us.



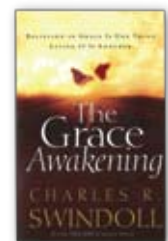
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ROMANS				
THE GOSPEL . . .				
Introduction—Personal (1:1–17)	Saving the Sinner		Concerning Israel	
	Concerning Christian Conduct		Conclusion—Relational (15:14–16:27)	
	Depravity of humanity	Grace of God	Justification by faith	Sanctification through the Spirit
	Security of the saint			
	CHAPTERS 1:18–8:39	CHAPTERS 9–11	CHAPTERS 12:1–15:13	
Emphasis	Doctrinal	National	Practical	
Response	Faith	Hope	Love	
Doctrine of God	Wrath	Righteousness	Glory	Grace
Doctrine of Humanity	Fallen	Dead	Saved	Struggling
Doctrine of Sin	Exposed	Conquered	Explained	Forgiven
Scope	Dead in sin	Dead to sin	Peace with God	Love for others
Main Theme	God's righteousness is given to those who put their faith in Jesus Christ.			
Key Verses	1:16–17			
Christ in Romans	Jesus is the focus of the gospel and the means of salvation by God's grace apart from works (1:1–4, 16–17).			

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