



**NOWTHEN  
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CHURCH**

# STUDY GUIDE

For the sermon on May 3, 2020

Romans 5-6

## REFLECT | REVIEW

*Review and reflect on the Scriptures and important points of the sermon.*

As we continue in Paul's letter, reflect on the broad outline of what Paul sets out to make clear. We are moving from his beginning section, focused primarily on God's righteousness and how that plays out the same for both the Jews and the Gentiles to an understanding of what that means for us as we live out a new covenant.

You can break Romans down broadly into 4 parts (These titles come from N.T. Wright and Michael Bird).

1. Unveiling God's righteousness (1-4)
2. From new covenant to new creation (5-8)
3. God's faithfulness and Israel's unbelief (9-11)
4. Faithfulness and fellowship in the wider world (12-16)

## ENGAGE | ENCOURAGE

*Consider together what God is asking you to do and encourage each other.*

Read **Romans 5:1-5**. Paul reminds us that our peace with God comes through our faith in Christ and goes on to talk about what that peace does while we suffer. What does he say? Do you see that play out as explained in your own life? How or how not?

**Romans 5:6-11** talks about our state when Jesus decided to die for us. What was unique about that according to Paul? This alone should help us understand that it isn't our works that matter, but Jesus'. What do you see as the major things for you to take away in verses 10 and 11?

**Romans 5:12-21** focus on original sin that came from Adam, and redemption that came from Jesus. Why do you think Paul spends so much time on this? (who is the audience he is writing to and what

conflicts are they having?) What is your understanding of “original sin?” If you don’t know that theological term, maybe just answer what you think verse 14 means.

Read **Romans 6:1-7**. Do you feel set free from sin? How do we deal with the tension of grace in our lives with the reality that sin still exists in our behaviors? Is there anything you should be doing differently as it comes to addressing sin in your life?

Verses **16-18** describe that we should be slaves to righteousness. What does that mean to you? What does it look like in the life of someone you think has lived it out well?

Answer the questions Paul asks in **verse 21**.

<b>LOOKING AHEAD</b>
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Read chapters 7-8 before next week’s sermon. Think of any questions you may have on what they meant then, and how they apply to us today. Reach out to someone you trust with those questions if you don’t feel they get answered specifically next week.