



**NOWTHEN
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CHURCH**

STUDY GUIDE

For the sermon on May 10, 2020

Romans 7-8

REFLECT | REVIEW

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

In Paul's outline, we find that chapter 7-8 are explaining more about our new creation under Jesus. Paul will deal specifically with what bondage to sin looks like (mostly chapter 7) and what life in the Spirit looks like (mostly chapter 8).

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 7:1-13**. Paul spends this time explaining the purpose of the law. That the law showed us what our sins were (and thus the need for Jesus in our life). He even goes on to say that sin has used the law against us. Can you flesh out the logic he is using? Can you see how this was true in your own life? (Pastor Nate used the analogy of kids) How have you longed for something just because you were told you couldn't have it?

Romans 7:14-25 shows Paul expressing the tension of wanting to be who we are called to be, but being seemingly unable to do that in our own power. How do you identify with this? Are there certain behaviors you find the most trouble avoiding? Certain habits you wish you could break? While Paul's words here seem like this tension will remain, later in the letter he will address these things more specifically.

Romans 8:1-11 tell us that if we have Jesus we no longer live in the realm of the flesh. How did that play out practically in your life? Did sin vanish from you when you gave your life to Jesus? Do you feel righteous? Should you?

Read **Romans 8:12-13**. What is the new obligation that we are called to?

In verses **16-22** Paul talks quite a bit about suffering. What does it mean for us to suffer with Christ?

Read **Romans 8:28-39**. This is arguably one of the most clear, hope filled, inspiring sections of Scripture written. How does it fill you with hope and life?

LOOKING AHEAD

Read chapters 9-10 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.