

The Book of Romans

Course Syllabus

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Course Description: This course will examine the book of Romans, focusing on its views of sin and salvation as well as life in the church.

Course objectives:

- Understand the sin problem humans have and the judgment we deserve
- Learn what salvation actually means
- Appreciate the meaning of faith in Christ
- Learn the meaning of baptism
- Learn some of the problems with Calvinism and an appreciation for Arminianism
- Be able to discuss the right relationship between Christians and the Jews today
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Lecture Series:

- Lesson One: Introduction to Romans and chapters 1-3.
Read Keener, *Commentary*, Introduction and commentary on chapter 1
- Lesson Two: Romans 3-5
Read Keener, *Commentary*, commentary on chapter 3
- Lesson Three: Romans 8-9
Read Keener, *Commentary*, commentary on chapters 10-11
- Lesson Four: Romans 8, Calvinism and Arminius
Read Whitaker, *What is Calvinism*
- Lesson Five: Romans 9-10
Bobby Harrington, *Can Christians lose their salvation?*
- Lesson Six: Romans 11-16 **NOTE: There are three parts to lesson six, instead of the normal two parts**
No reading

Course requirements:

- Watching the course lectures (there are 6 course lectures)
- Attendance in cohort discussions
- Read sections of Craig Keener, *Romans: A New Covenant Commentary* (Cascade, 2009), the ebook by John Whataker, *What is Calvinism*, and the ebook by Bobby Harrington, *Can Christians lose their salvation?* (the last two are free ebook downloads at renew.org). **The reading selections from Keener's book are listed under "Lecture Series," above.**
- Memorize ten verses
- Pass final exam

Memory Verses

- Romans 1:27
- Romans 3:23-25
- Romans 5:1
- Romans 6:3-4
- Romans 8:9
- Romans 10:17

- Romans 12:1

Digging Deeper--Recommended Readings:

- John Whitaker, A review of Austin Fischer's *Young Restless and no longer Reformed*, <https://renew.org/review-of-austin-fischers-young-restless-and-no-longer-reformed/>
- Roger Olson, *Arminian Theology: Myths and Realities* (IVP 2006)
- Bobby Harrington, Tony Twist, David Young, *Baptism: What the Bible Teaches* (Renew, 2018).
- *Three Views on Israel and the Church*, Jared Compton et al. (Kregel, 2019)
- David Young, "Do we really need to be saved?" article at renew.org
- Mark Moore, *Faithful Faith* (Renew, 2018).
- Bobby Harrington, *Can Christians Lose Their Salvation* (Renew ebook)
- Bobby Harrington, *Baptism According to Scripture* (College Press, 2025)
- David Young, *The Holy Spirit: Filled, Empowered, and Led* (Renew, 2018).
- Michael Strickland and Anessa Westbrook, *New Birth: Conversion and Baptism* (Renew, 2018)

Digging Deeper--Recommended Videos:

- Everything in Romans explained https://youtu.be/HSqMDc8gnag?si=jn3_DFI6BrPINtN
- Bobby Harrington, What is the Gospel and how do we respond? <https://renew.org/what-is-the-gospel-and-how-do-we-respond/>
- Baptism according to Scripture: A discussion <https://renew.org/baptism-according-to-scripture-a-discussion/>
- John Whitaker, Why did God hate Esau, <https://renew.org/why-did-god-hate-esau/>
- Michael Vlach, Has the church replaced Israel (six parts). Part one: <https://youtu.be/2yukl5eXU6U?si=fHaysMIHzFKCuTSX>
- Has Israel been replaced, with Craig Keener, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RBhjFqFZ4hl>
- Mike Winger, Why I think Calvinism is unbiblical, <https://www.youtube.com/live/oxakEI8BYBE?si=VdQNtEEz5S19xQ4T>
- Jerry Walls, What's wrong with Calvinism (part one) <https://youtu.be/Daomzm3nylg?si=UVXLtaUWkif9UI5V>
(part two) <https://youtu.be/1lBUtF8EtAo?si=KFK3kyVZgwxVzYbp>