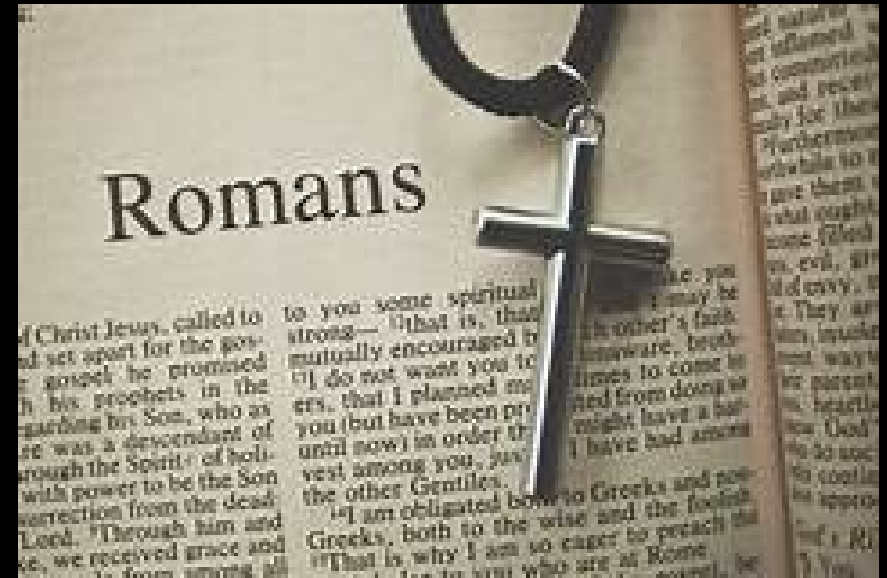


Sermon 1: The Influence of Romans



A Life-Changing Letter

Augustine 354-430

Romans 13:13-14

“Instantly, as the sentence ended . . . all the gloom of doubt vanished away.”



Martin Luther
1483-1546

“really the chief part of the New Testament, and... truly the purest gospel.” He also said “It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that he should occupy himself with it every day, as daily bread of the soul.”



William Tyndale
1494-1536

“the principle and most excellent part of the New Testament, and most pure Euangelion, that is to say, glad tidings... and also a light and a way in unto the whole Scripture.”



John Calvin
1509-1564

“if we have gained a true understanding of this epistle, we have an open door to all the most profound treasures of Scripture.”



John Wesley
1703-1791

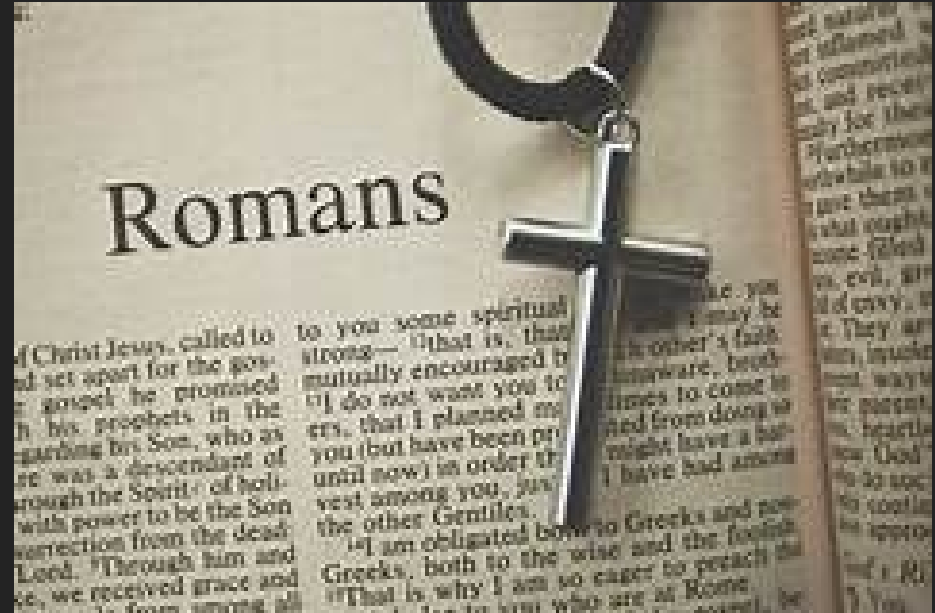
“In the evening, I went very unwillingly to a society at Aldersgate Street, where one was reading Luther’s preface to the Epistle to the Romans. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone for my salvation, and an assurance was given me that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death.”



John Stott
1921-2011



“Romans is a kind of Christian manifesto... a timeless manifesto, a manifesto of freedom through Jesus Christ. It is the fullest, plainest and grandest statement of the gospel in the New Testament.”



Romans Road

Romans 3:23, 10 (5:12)

Romans 6:23

Romans 5:8

Romans 10:9, 13

Romans 5:1 (8:1, 38-39)





Romans Road to Salvation

3:23 for all have sinned
and fall short of the
glory of God,

3:10 None is righteous,
no, not one;

(Romans 5:12)



Romans Road to Salvation

6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Romans Road to Salvation

5:8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



Romans Road to Salvation

⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

¹³ For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”



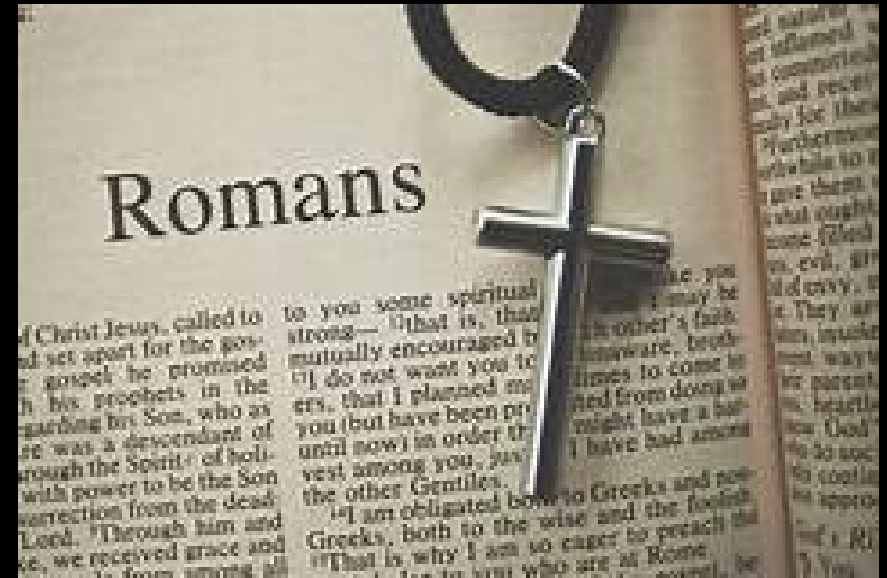
Romans Road to Salvation

5:1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

(see also 8:38-39)

Next Week: The Background of Romans



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