

Romans Chapter 2

Diagnosis was a life-long interest of D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones. Nowhere is this more evident than in his treatment of Romans chapter two. Here he unfolds Paul's analysis of the spiritual sickness of the human heart, its deceitfulness and rebellion against God, and its sinister use of religion as a defence-mechanism against true conviction of sin.

World-renowned scholar Michael Gorman examines the important Pauline theme of participation in Christ and explores its contemporary significance for Christian life and ministry. One of the themes Gorman explores is what he calls "resurrectional cruciformity"--that participating in Christ is simultaneously dying and rising with him and that cross-shaped living, infused with the life of the resurrected Lord, is life giving. Throughout the book, Gorman demonstrates the centrality of participating in Christ for Paul's theology and spirituality.

The Gospel as You've Never Seen It Before! "If Romans isn't one of your favorite books, then you do not have a revelation of the true Gospel!" Andrew Wommack Nowhere besides the book of Romans is there a more comprehensive explanation of the Gospel. It's Paul's masterful letter to every believer revealing God's plan of salvation by grace—not by the Law. In *Romans: Paul's Masterpiece of Grace*, renown Bible teacher Andrew Wommack has compiled decades of his personal notes and commentary from his *Life for Today* and *Living Commentary*. You will find thousands of insightful truths to give you a firm understanding of the gospel as Andrew shares... The true meaning of salvation The basics of righteousness by faith Vital Bible teaching you probably have not heard in church You will be blessed and enlightened as Andrew walks you through Paul's letter to you. These truths have been changing lives for thousands of years. Yours is next!

This book illustrates how the macro-structure of the body of Romans essentially follows that of the diatribes in Epictetus's Discourses. As in Discourses, the diatribe in Romans begins with the thesis (1.16-17), then follows an indictment (1.18-32) and dialogues with a fictitious second-person singular in chapter two. Arguments with the m? genoito formula dominate the middle part of the diatribe. In the middle of chapter eleven, the phase changes back to dialogues with the second-person singular. The ending of the diatribe Romans also, like Discourses, includes cynic and hyperbolic statements (14.21 and 14.23). Thus, the body of Romans should not be read as a real letter, but as a diatribe that was distributed in Paul's schoolroom and later appropriated as a letter. This teaching was not directed to a specific group of people, viz., the Christians in Rome, but rather intrinsically universalized. Therefore, its message is intrinsically more powerful for us.

This is a seminal study with strong Apostolic messaging, yet its flowing style allows for easy assimilation of biblical truths,

and provides accurate insights for the cerebral believer, who like Daniel and his companions, are usually the target of the world system. In this book various methodologies are outlined through which, spiritual Babylon seeks to entice the brightest and best of every Godly generation, to acculturate, rob of spiritual identity and manipulate to promote world kingdom ends. But thanks be to God, there is still a generation in the earth spiritually alert enough to operate within the world system, yet deploy their talents and giftings to bring honour and glory to God. Those with the Daniel mindset will decode dreams and visions and interpret judgements written on the kingdoms of this world in this season. God is still raising up an Apostolic and Prophetic generation, which would feast on heavenly manna, and consecrate themselves to spiritual and intellectual purity to accomplish God's Kingdom purposes....

Eschatological glory is a significant motif in Romans that has failed to garner the attention it deserves. Donald Berry argues that glory lies at the heart of Paul's redemptive historical framework and is an integral part of the gospel Paul proclaims in Romans. For Paul, eschatological glory is the realization of God's purpose for Adam and for Israel to see and to show forth the glory of God. This divine purpose finds fulfillment in Christ and in the new humanity he creates, those who now have "hope of the glory of God" (Rom 5:2). Paul's letter to the Romans provides stunning glimpses into the nature of this eschatological glory and the hope that believers have in Christ. Through careful and compelling exegesis, Berry brings to light Paul's conception of glory and its place at the center of God's purposes in redemptive history. While providing crucial insights into Romans, this study also contributes more broadly to Pauline theology and to the field of biblical theology. It highlights Paul's understanding of a unified divine purpose that runs through creation and redemption--God's desire to display his nature and character in all of creation through image-bearers who share in and reflect his glory.

Thorsteinsson's study of Romans poses a thoroughly argued challenge to Pauline scholarship. His argument has the potential of invalidating the reading of Romans 2 that has contributed to a perception of Paul as utterly negative towards his fellow Jews and first-century Judaism. Among matters of scholarly dispute is the function and identity of Paul's interlocutor(s) in chapter 2 of Romans. Scholars agree universally that the individual addressed in 2:17-29 is a Jew, but with respect to the identity of the interlocutor of 2:1-5, there is no consensus. The majority of scholars hold that the interlocutor is a Jew throughout the chapter. A weighty minority argues that the individual addressed in 2:1-5 is a Gentile and that there is a shift of interlocutor in 2:17. In his investigation into the pros and cons of these positions, Thorsteinsson endeavors to challenge both majority and minority. Basic to his approach is to allow the larger context and framework of the letter to be of help in assessing the function and identity of Paul's partner(s) in dialogue. Thus the epistolary structure and setting of Romans, the relationship between Paul and his audience, the identity of the audience, and the dialogical

style of the letter are used to ascertain the function and identity of Paul's interlocutor(s) in Romans 2. By engaging an imaginary interlocutor, Paul utilizes a well-established epistolary technique in Greco-Roman antiquity. Thorsteinsson concludes that Paul wrote Romans to a particular group of people in a specific, contemporaneous situation. The letter's message arose out of Paul's missionary obligation to proclaim God's "good news" to Gentiles in Rome. The minority view that Paul's interlocutor in 2:1-5 is a Gentile is combined with the majority opinion that there is but one interlocutor throughout the chapter. In sum, "the common opinion that Romans 2 contains Paul's piercing critique of his fellow Jew should be rejected. The individual censured in the chapter is not a Jew . . ." but a Gentile who claims to be a Jew. Given the foundational importance of circumcision in the Old Testament and its prevalence in debates in the New Testament, it is remarkable that so little detailed work has been done on establishing a biblical theology of circumcision. This oversight is even more surprising given that circumcision forms the background to some of the most contested writings of the apostle Paul. Furthermore, the biblical material seems to present quite varied and even apparently contradictory pictures of what circumcision means. Two key biblical concepts closely linked to circumcision are righteousness and faith. Karl Deenick shows that these are central to both the New Testament and the developing Old Testament understandings of circumcision. They are held together by the unfolding promise of a blameless 'seed of Abraham', Jesus Christ, through whose sacrifice the promised righteousness will finally come. This righteousness will be enjoyed by those whose hearts are 'circumcised', trusting in God's promise. 'Dr Deenick arrives at nuanced definitions of both physical circumcision and circumcision of the heart. His study sheds fresh light not only on many Old Testament passages, but also on Romans 2 – 4, much of Galatians, Philippians 3, Colossians 2, and Acts 7 and 15. Better yet, it suggests an integrating line of development across the canon . . .' (D. A. Carson).

Many pastors in the provincial towns and rural villages of Malawi struggle to find practical relevance in the letter to the Romans. While the majority of church leaders have received little or no formal Bible and ministry training, they often face formidable challenges from African traditional practices, folk Islam, poverty and poor education – creating barriers to authentic Christian discipleship. *Reading Romans at Ground Level* uses field research to characterize pastoral ministry in provincial-rural Malawi. By examining current preaching practice, it shows that Malawian pastors mostly use individual verses from Paul's letter within inductive needs-driven sermons or gospel calls for conversion. In this book, a three-horizon contextual approach is used to investigate how the letter might be applied biblically to address contemporary African socio-cultural and pastoral issues. It demonstrates surprisingly rich parallels between the way Romans might have been heard by its original recipients in the slums of Ancient Rome, and its potential meaning for Christians living in poverty in rural Africa today.

In 'Onversneden christendom' legt C.S. Lewis uit wat het hart is van het christelijk geloof. Een klassieker! Er is geen schrijver die zo helder en warm kan uitleggen wat het betekent om christen te zijn als C.S. Lewis. Hij blijft niet steken in een abstracte theologische uiteenzetting, maar maakt het Bijbelse verhaal op een persoonlijke manier tot een prachtig geschenk. Lewis blijft bij de kern van het geloof en hij verliest zich niet in details en morele kwesties. Wie toe is aan een verfrissing en verdieping van zijn of haar geloofsleven kan nog steeds het best bij C.S. Lewis terecht.

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Wilhelm Pauck enhances his fresh translation of Luther's Lectures on Romans with a body of notes which, along with his lucid introduction, greatly enhances the usefulness of Luther's work. Long recognized for the quality of its translations, introductions, explanatory notes, and indexes, the Library of Christian Classics provides scholars and students with modern English translations of some of the most significant Christian theological texts in history. Through these works--each written prior to the end of the sixteenth century--contemporary readers are able to engage the ideas that have shaped Christian theology and the church through the centuries.

A guide to working in the world without being consumed by it, "Christ-Centered Selling" is a scripture-based approach to selling--an approach yielding more prospects, peace and prosperity. Author John LaBriola brings readers to a deeper relationship with God through the practice of Christian principles at work with this unique guide to business, where a better relationship with self, others and God leads to satisfying business relationships and excellence in the workplace.

The Therapeutic Bible is an original edition, perhaps unique in the world today. A group of highly regarded Christian mental health professionals — supported by the Brazilian Body of Christian Psychologists and Psychiatrists and by the Bible Society of Brazil — have dedicated themselves to the task of commentating the therapeutic content of the biblical text, using their gifts and professional experience to explain how the Holy Scriptures foster our physical, mental, and spiritual health. This volume is the first fruit of this work in the English language, in the hope and prayer that the Wonderful Counselor will use it to help bring rest and relief to many souls who seek comfort from God's Word.

This classic commentary is organized as follows: Introduction § 1. Rome in a. d. 58 § 2. The Jews in Rome § 3. The Roman Church § 4. The Time and Place, Occasion and Purpose, of the Epistle § 5. The Argument § 6. Language and Style § 7. The Text § 8. Literary History § 9. Integrity of the Epistle § 10. Commentaries Romans 1 The Apostolic Salutation The Theological Terminology of Rom 1:1-7 St. Paul and the Roman Church The word ???????? and its cognates The Meaning of Faith in the New Testament and in some Jewish Writings The Righteousness of God St. Paul's Description of the Condition of the Heathen World Use of the Book of Wisdom in Chapter 1 Romans 2 Transition From Gentile to Jew. Both Alike Guilty Failure of the Jews Romans 3 Casuistical Objections Answered Universal Failure to Attain to Righteousness The New System The Death of Christ considered as a Sacrifice Consequences of the New System Romans 4 The Faith of Abraham The History of Abraham as treated by St. Paul and by St. James Faith and Circumcision Jewish Teaching on Circumcision Promise and Law Abraham's Faith a Type of the Christian's The Place of the Resurrection of Christ in the teaching of St. Paul Romans 5 Blissful

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Consequences of Justification Is the Society or the Individual the proper object of Justification? The Idea of Reconciliation or Atonement The Fall of Adam and the Work of Christ The Effects of Adam's Fall in Jewish Theology Adam and Christ St. Paul's Conception of Sin and of the Fall History of the Interpretation of the Pauline doctrine of ?????????? Romans 6 The Mystical Union of the Christian With Christ The Doctrine of Mystical Union with Christ The Transition From Law to Grace. Analogy of Slavery Romans 7 The Transition From Law to Grace. Analogy of Marriage Law and Sin The Inward Conflict St. Paul's View of the Law Romans 8 Life in the Spirit. The Fruits of the Incarnation The Life of the Flesh and the Life of the Spirit The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit Sonship and Heirship Suffering the Path to Glory The Renovation of Nature The Assistance of the Spirit The Ascending Process of Salvation The Proofs and Assurance of Divine Love Romans 9 The Apostle's Sorrow Over Israel's Unbelief The Privileges of Israel The Punctuation of Rom 9:5 The Rejection of Israel Not Inconsistent With the Divine Promises The Divine Election The Rejection of Israel Not Inconsistent With the Divine Justice The Divine Sovereignty in the Old Testament The Power and Rights of God as Creator The Relation of St. Paul's Argument in chap. 9 to the Book of Wisdom A History of the Interpretation of Rom 9:6-29 Israel Itself to Blame for Its Rejection Romans 10 Israel's Unbelief Not Excused by Want of Opportunity The Argument of 9:30-10:21: Human Responsibility St. Paul's Use of the Old Testament Romans 11 The Rejection of Israel Not Complete The Doctrine of the Remnant The Rejection of Israel Not Final The Merits of the Fathers Mercy to All the Ultimate Purpose of God The Argument of Romans 9-11 St. Paul's Philosophy of History The Salvation of the Individual. Free-will and Predestination Romans 12 The New Life The Right Use of Spiritual Gifts Spiritual Gifts Maxims to Guide the Christian Life Romans 13 On Obedience to Rulers The Church and the Civil Power Love the Fulfilment of All Law The History of the word ??????. The Christian Teaching on Love The Day Is at Hand The early Christian belief in the nearness of the ??????????. The relation of Chaps. 12-14 to the Gospels Romans 14 On Forbearance Towards Those Who Are Scrupulous Romans 15 What sect or party is referred to in Rom 14? Apology for Admonitions The Apostle's Plans Romans 16 Personal Greetings Aquila and Priscilla Warning Against False Teachers Greetings of St. Paul's Companions The Concluding Doxology

In the first of a three-volume work, Daniel Patte presents three very different critical exegeses of Romans 1, arguing that all are equally legitimate and hermeneutically plausible. By expanding upon and respecting the exegeses of many erudite scholars of the last two centuries, Patte concludes that three families of vastly different critical interpretations are fully justified: traditional philological and epistolary studies; rhetorical and sociocultural studies; and figurative studies of the "coherence" of Paul's teaching. Arising from a long-standing interdisciplinary investigation of many receptions of Romans in light of recent diversification of exegetical methodologies, Patte concludes that the interpretation of a scriptural text necessarily involves making a choice among equally legitimate and plausible alternatives; and second, that this choice is always contextual and ethical. When these points are denied (by failing to respect the interpretations of others and absolutizing one's interpretation), instead of being a scriptural blessing, Romans becomes a deadly weapon against others – heretics, Jews (Shoah), and many others. The result is a threefold commentary of Romans 1 that is unique in its scope and thorough-going exegesis.

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A Bible Study through Romans Oh the depth of this letter to the Roman believers by the apostle Paul, where we, each one of us can see ourselves, maybe even our old selves revealed, and the Way, the Truth, and Gods transforming power that has and continues to save and change us. Yes all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. Why? Because we have, each and every one, inherited a (the) sin nature, disobedience, from the fall, from the one man. And because of this we all, again, were enemies of God, afar off and at enmity. Yet in His great love for us we learn that even while we were His enemies, God gave His only Son to die on a cross that we might have our sins forgiven; if we believe. Now we have a new nature, a new man, alongside the old, that can grow in grace and strength and cause the old nature to be buried. At least as much as is possible in these mortal and fleshly bodies: and as much as we are willing to yield to the Spirits leading, and obey. Who are those who are without excuse? Who are those who are inexcusable? Is there any hope for those who God has given over? I think maybe. Who are the branches, and who does the wild olive tree refer to? What was the hoped outcome in provoking the Jews to jealousy? We read of works versus grace; of the war between the mind and the Spirit, and that even when we are unfaithful, God is faithful; He cannot deny Himself. Wow! Just pause for a moment and absorb that. What an amazing God we serve! What a beautiful, strong, encouraging, convicting, challenging and promise filled letter Paul has written. Yes, I understand that I have scarcely touched the surface. Still my prayer is for even a fraction of Gods message, His power, love and teaching will come through this study. I confess that I know so little, but He is so big! Please Father might all who work through these pages see You, and embrace all that You in Christ Jesus have done for us. May You be lifted up and praised and adored for You. In the power of Jesus name I pray and thank You for this privilege. Amen.

Over fifty years ago, Vatican II's *Nostra Aetate* 4 drew from Romans 11 to challenge the way Paul's voice has been used to negatively discuss Jews and Judaism. The church called for Catholics to conceptualize Jews as "brothers" in "an everlasting covenant," and many other Christian organizations have expressed similar sentiments in the years since. Nevertheless, the portrayal of Jews as "branches broken off," "hardened," "without faith," "disobedient," and "enemies of God" whom Christians have "replaced" as "true Israel," are among the many ways that readers encounter Paul's views of Jews and Judaism in today's translations and interpretations of this chapter, and throughout the letter as well. In the chapters in this volume, Nanos shows why these translations and interpretive decisions, among others, do not likely represent what Paul wrote or meant. Each essay offers challenges to the received view of Paul from the research hypothesis that Paul and the Christ-followers to whom he wrote were still practicing Judaism (a Jewish way of life) within subgroups of the Jewish synagogue communities of Rome, and that they understood Paul to observe Torah and promote Judaism for their communities.

Supersessionism is deeply rooted in both Roman Catholic and Protestant theology and is as old as the church. It is the belief that the church is the new Israel, the true Israel, and as such has displaced or superseded ethnic Israel. Throughout the history of the church it has been commonly held that the covenants God made with Israel and the promises God gave to that nation now belong to the Christian church. The supersession controversy is not an obscure theological debate of interest only to a few Biblical scholars. It involves questions of fundamental importance. Does the God of the Christian Scriptures keep His promises? What are the rules that guide our interpretation of Scripture? Is there a connection between Christian theology and anti-Semitism in "Christian lands?" The Biblical focus of this controversy is the 11th chapter of the book of Romans. There the Apostle Paul courageously addresses the supersession issue. Tarrell invites the reader to feast on the riches of Paul's teaching on the atonement (Romans 1-8) and to celebrate so great a salvation. But he also invites the reader to embrace Paul's teaching about Israel (Romans 9-11). God's gift of salvation is precious and is thoroughly explained in the first 8 chapters of Romans. But to prove the thesis of the book of Romans Paul tackles the most daunting problem of all, the apparent inability of God to fulfill the promises He made to the nation of Israel. Bringing up the problem of Israel is a gutsy move. But it is the problem that must be addressed.

A lot of misinformation has been taught in churches today. This book attempts to counter that with what the Bible has to say. In this book scripture will be compared with scripture to properly understand what God has to say on the subject. Readers are encouraged to use discernment and seek truth.

You have heard people say, "We just go by the Bible," but recognize that it is an interpreted Bible that people claim for a guide. How you interpret the Bible depends on the spirit in your heart. In order to be shown the ever-living truth of God's eternal word, the Holy Spirit of God must be in your heart. Followers of Christ read Scripture on their knees, through the lens of His sacrificial love. We are not here to pick Scripture apart but to let Scripture pick us apart. Servants of God's word avoid proof-texting or cherry picking. Scripture is a unity and a harmony. Verses concord with one another like notes in a musical chord, giving rise to a truly sound doctrine that echoes the symphony of faith. It is Jesus who tunes our will with God's salvation of us.

In a modern culture that is increasingly biblically illiterate, "Berman's Commentary on the Book of Romans: A Verse-by-Verse Study" is a breath of fresh air! In it you will find verse-by-verse commentary that explains clearly the central message of the New Testament. "Berman's Commentary on the Book of Romans," by Dr. David M. Berman, Th.D., will bring this important message to life in your heart. This in-depth look at the central letter of Paul will move you to serve God greater as you receive the most powerful message ever given, the message of God's power, purpose, everlasting mercy, and grace! Dr. David M. Berman's verse by verse commentary on the book of Romans really hits the nail on the head concerning many spiritual truths, as well as making it come alive. Pastors as well as laymen will benefit greatly as they place it on their must read list. Dr. Cecil Johnson, Ph.D. President, Christian Bible College

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