

25. Advanced Study of Romans

1) Course Overview

- (1) Romans is the cornerstone of Pauline theology. It contains the essence of the gospel, the doctrine of sin, God's righteousness, justification, sanctification, glorification, the relationship between Israel and the Church, and Christian living.
- (2) This course provides an in-depth, chapter-by-chapter study of Romans, with a focus on Paul's logical progression, redemptive-historical framework, and theological core.

2) Course Objectives

- (1) Understand and interpret the structure and context of Romans.
- (2) Comprehend the logic and message of Paul's gospel systematically.
- (3) Discern Paul's teachings on justification, sanctification, glory, predestination, Israel, and the Church.
- (4) Apply the message of Romans to modern Christian life and the Church.

3) Main Topics

- (1) Introduction and Overview (1:1–17)– The declaration of the gospel
- (2) Sin and Judgment (1:18–3:20)– Total depravity of humanity
- (3) Justification by Faith (3:21–5:21)– Righteousness through faith alone
- (4) Sanctification and New Life (Ch. 6–8)– Freedom from sin and life in the Spirit
- (5) God's Sovereignty and Israel (Ch. 9–11)– Covenant, sovereignty, and the mystery of salvation
- (6) Christian Life and Community (Ch. 12–15)– Life worthy of the gospel
- (7) Conclusion and Greetings (Ch. 16)– Paul's co-workers and fellowship of the churches

4) Application & Assignments

- (1) Exegetical reports on selected sections of Romans
- (2) Essay: Analysis of Paul's theology and its relevance to today's Church
- (3) Presentation: The meaning of 'Justification' and 'God's Righteousness' in Romans