**Morning Watch Romans – Week 4 Sept. 4-10, 2023**

**Romans 13 – Romans 16**

**Monday 9/4**

**Rom. 13:1-2, 5, 7-8, 10** (pray-read Verses 1-2, 8)

**1** Let every person be subject to the authorities over him, for there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are ordained by God.

**2** So then he who resists the authority opposes God's ordination, and those who oppose will receive judgment to themselves.

**5** Therefore it is necessary to be subject, not only because of wrath but also because of conscience.

**7** Render to all the things due: tax to whom tax is due, custom to whom custom is due, fear to whom fear is due, honor to whom honor is due.

**8** Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves the other has fulfilled the law.

**10** Love does not work evil to his neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

**Further Reading:**  *Life-study of Romans, msg. 27*

**Tuesday 9/5**

**Rom. 14:1, 3, 6, 8-10, 12**

**1** Now him who is weak in faith receive, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his considerations.

**3** He who eats, let him not despise him who does not eat; and he who does not eat, let him not judge him who eats, for God has received him.

**6** He who regards that day, regards it to the Lord; and he who eats, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who does not eat, does not eat to the Lord, and he gives thanks to God.

**8** For whether we live, we live to the Lord, and whether we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore whether we live or we die, we are the Lord's.

**9** For Christ died and lived again for this, that He might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

**10** But you, why do you judge your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God,

**12** So then each one of us will give an account concerning himself to God.

**Further Reading:**  *Life-study of Romans, msg. 28*

**Wednesday 9/6**

**Rom. 14:13, 15-19, 21-23**

**13** Therefore let us judge one another no longer, but rather judge this: not to put a stumbling block or cause of falling before your brother.

**15** For if because of food your brother is wounded, you no longer walk according to love. Do not destroy by your food that man for whom Christ died.

**16** Therefore do not let your good be slandered;

**17** For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

**18** For he who serves Christ in this is well pleasing to God and approved by men.

**19** So then let us pursue the things of peace and the things for building up one another.

**21** It is good not to eat meat nor drink wine nor to do anything by which your brother stumbles.

**22** The faith which you have, have to yourself before God. Blessed is he who does not judge himself in what he approves;

**23** But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because it is not out of faith; for all that is not out of faith is sin.

**Further Reading:**  *Life-study of Romans, msg. 29*

**Thursday 9/7**

**Rom. 15:1-7**

**1** But we who are strong ought to bear the weaknesses of those who are weak and not to please ourselves.

**2** Let each of us please his neighbor with a view to what is good for building up.

**3** For Christ also did not please Himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell upon Me."

**4** For the things that were written previously were written for our instruction, in order that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

**5** Now the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind toward one another according to Christ Jesus,

**6** That with one accord you may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**7** Therefore receive one another, as Christ also received you to the glory of God.

**Further Reading:**  *Life-study of Romans, msg. 29*

**Friday 9/8**

**Rom. 15:16, 18-19, 25-28, 30, 32**

**16** That I might be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, a laboring priest of the gospel of God, in order that the offering of the Gentiles might be acceptable, having been sanctified in the Holy Spirit.

**18** For I will not dare to speak anything of the things which Christ has not accomplished through me for the obedience of the Gentiles, by word and by work,

**19** In the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ,

**25** But now I am going to Jerusalem, ministering to the saints.

**26** For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.

**27** For they were pleased to do it, and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they ought also to do service to them in material things.

**28** When therefore I have finished this and have sealed to them this fruit, I will go on by way of you to Spain.

**30** Now I exhort you, brothers, through our Lord Jesus Christ and through the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,

**32** So that coming to you in joy through the will of God, I may refresh myself and rest with you.

**Further Reading:**  *Life-study of Romans, msg. 30*

**Saturday 9/9**

**Rom. 16:1-5a, 23a, 20, 25-27**

**1** I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a deaconess of the church which is in Cenchrea,

**2** That you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints and assist her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been the patroness of many, of myself as well.

**3** Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,

**4** Who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles;

**5a** And greet the church, which is in their house.

**23a** Gaius, my host and host of the whole church, greets you.

**20** Now the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

**25** Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel, that is, the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which has been kept in silence in the times of the ages

**26** But has now been manifested, and through the prophetic writings, according to the command of the eternal God, has been made known to all the Gentiles for the obedience of faith;

**27** To the only wise God through Jesus Christ, to Him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**Further Reading:**  *Life-study of Romans, msg. 30*

**Lord’s Day 9/10**

**1 Cor. 12:12-14, 18, 23-27**

**12** For even as the body is one and has many members, yet all the members of the body, being many, are one body, so also is the Christ.

**13** For also in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and were all given to drink one Spirit.

**14** For the body is not one member but many.

**18** But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, even as He willed.

**23** And those members of the body which we consider to be less honorable, these we clothe with more abundant honor; and our uncomely members come to have more abundant comeliness,

**24** But our comely members have no need. But God has blended the body together, giving more abundant honor to the member that lacked,

**25** That there would be no division in the body, but that the members would have the same care for one another.

**26** And whether one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or one member is glorified, all the members rejoice with it.

**27** Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.

**Hymns,** *#847*

**Churchwide Truth Pursuit of Romans**

**Level 1—Romans Sequential Study**

**Scripture:** *Rom. 5:1-11*

**Assigned Reading:** *Life-study of Romans, msg. 39*

**Level 2—Romans Topical Study**

**Crucial Point:** *The Selection, Predestination, and Mercy of God*

**Scripture:** *Rom. 9:1-18*

**Assigned Reading:** *Life-study of Romans,* msgs. 22, 58

**Supplemental Reading:** *None*

**Hymn:** *#25*

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