

## INTRODUCTION

Romans is a book filled with paradoxes. The knowledge of God's will increase guilt and condemnation, but faith in Christ gives pardon and release. Salvation is a free gift of God's grace, not earned by any act of obedience to the law, yet those who receive it are motivated to obey God's law to love. Obedience to God does not lead to pride because it is the of Spirit of Christ living in us who does this work in us. Romans is an in-depth study of the logic of faith.

It is my prayer that your study of Romans will draw you closer to God and help you make progress on your spiritual journey.

Quotations come from the New International Version (NIV) of the Bible or from the NIrV (New International Readers Version). Other translations can be used in doing this study, but the NIV will be the one easiest to follow.

## DIRECTIONS

For better understanding try reading a whole chapter before attempting to answer the questions. Answer the questions with the second reading.

Mark questions or passages that you do not understand. I will try to explain them when I correct your study.

Underline passages that are especially meaningful to you. This will help you review what you have read and fix it in your mind.

Imperfect as this study guide may be, it is meant to help you read the Bible and get to know God better. I pray that you understand what God is trying to say to you and that this will lead you know him and to obey his will.

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## STUDY OF PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

- 1:1-4 What showed that Jesus was the Son of God?  
 He fulfilled the prophecies of the Old Testament.  
 He arose from the dead.  
 He was a great general and ruled a powerful empire.  
*[2 correct answers]*

- 1:5-7 Paul was called to preach especially to the  
 Jews  Gentiles, non-Jews.

- 1:5 We are called to have faith in God and to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

- 1:7 One version of the Bible reads, "To all in Rome who are love by and called to be saints." That means we are appointed to be God's people, who are to be  good  evil.

- 1:7b "Grace and peace" is God's greeting to his people, like "hello," but with much more meaning.

To receive grace from God is  
 To be given a charming personality.  
 To receive God's favor, even though we do not deserve it.

To receive peace from God is  
 To have the offense of our sin taken away through Christ's sacrifice on the cross.  
 To enjoy God's blessing.  
 To feel satisfied with ourselves; that we are OK just the way we are. *[2 correct answers]*

- 1:8-10 Was Paul a man of prayer?  Yes  No

- 1:11-13 Paul wanted to go to Rome in order to  
 To help strengthen the faith of the Roman Christians  
 To be encouraged by seeing their faith.  
 To win converts to Christ.  
 To take a vacation.  
*[3 correct answers]*

- 1:14-15 Christ commands his followers to preach the gospel  
 To all men of all races, all nations and all social levels.  
 To only those who are most like ourselves.  
*[See Mark 16:15 and Matthew 28:19]*

1:16 Paul was not ashamed of the gospel because  
 It was the way to get ahead in this world.  
 It was the power of God for salvation to all who believe.

1:17 This is the theme of Paul's letter. To be right with God is  
 Earned by obedience to God's law.  
 A gift received by faith.

1:18-23 God reveals his wrath against  
 Godlessness and wickedness.  
 Scientists who unveil the secrets of nature.  
 Idolatry, the worship of images and created things.  
*[2 correct answers]*

1:20 An examination of the world (the created universe)  
 Shows that everything came into existence by chance.  
 Shows the design of an all-powerful, super-intelligent Supreme Being.

1:25 Idolatry is to worship and serve created things rather than the \_\_\_\_\_.

1:18-25 The wrath of God is revealed against idolaters because  
 They do not worship God.  
 They do not thank God for the blessings they receive.  
 They do not have a lot of intelligence.  
 They do not respect and obey God.  
*[3 correct answers]*

1:24-27 Venereal diseases, like syphilis, herpes, gonorrhea and AIDS  
 Should be combated by medicine so that people may keep on sinning without suffering for it.  
 Should be combated by medicine to show that God is kind even to wicked people.  
 Should not be combated by medicine so that people who sin get what they deserve.

1:26-31 Will a sinful life-style be blessed by God?  
 Yes  No *[See Ephesians 5:3-7]*

1:28-31 People who respect the true God  
 Live to please themselves and end up doing all sorts bad things that harm others and bring suffering upon themselves.  
 Study God's word and please him by obeying it.

- 1:32 To "know that God's commands are right" refers to the voice of conscience.  
 Yes  No
- 2:1-3 The Jews were condemned along with the pagan Gentiles because  
 They did the same things that they condemned in others.  
 They did not know God's law.
- 2:4 God's kindness should lead people  
 To repent and turn from sin.  
 To pass judgment on others less perfect than themselves.
- 2:5-11 God will judge each person according to  
 What he has done.  
 His good intentions.
- 2:12-13 God will judge people according to the amount of knowledge that they have of his law.  
 True  False
- 2:14-15 Some people don't know God's law in the Bible, yet they "show that what the law requires is written in their hearts."  
This refers to:  
 Public opinion and peer pressure.  
 The voice of conscience.
- 2:14-16 On Judgment Day those who have never heard about Christ will be held accountable  
 For everything written in the Bible.  
 For the standards of their own conscience that convicts them of sin.
- 2:17-24 When Christians practice the sins that they condemn in others  
 They are hypocrites.  
 They are shining lights that bring people to God.  
 They generally drive people away from Jesus.  
*[2 correct answers]*
- 2:25-27 Before Jesus was born, circumcision was the mark that showed that the Jews belonged to God. The sign that now shows that a believer belongs to God is baptism. Both circumcision and baptism symbolize the purification from sin. Do these symbols have any value if we do not believe God and obey his law?  
 Yes  No

- 2:28-29 Who will receive praise from God?  
 Those who receive church sacraments and rituals.  
 Those who obey God to the best of their ability.
- 3:1-2 What value was there in belonging to the Jewish people?  
 They belonged to the strongest and noblest race.  
 They were obedient to all of God's laws.  
 They received God's revelation, "the very words of God."
- 3:3-8 The fact that we are \_\_\_\_\_ proves more clearly that God is right and good.
- 3:8 Can we blame God for our sin?  Yes  No  
*[Read James 1:13-18]*
- 3:9-18 Paul has made the charge that non-Jewish heathens are idolaters (1:18-32) and that the Jews are hypocrites (2:1-19). The conclusion, then, is:  
 "No one is right with God, no one at all."  
 Although most people are bad, there are some who are good enough to please God.
- 3:19-20 The law of God is summarized in the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:3-17) and is further summarized by Jesus, "Love the Lord your God with all you heart and with all your soul and with all your mind," and "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39). A complete knowledge of God's law  
 Makes us more aware of our sin.  
 Saves people because they always obey it when they know it.
- 3:21-22 A person becomes right and just in God's eyes  
 By obeying all of God's commands.  
 By believing in Christ, even though he does not obey perfectly.
- 3:23 Some people, like religious leaders, measure up to God's standard of perfect love and obedience?  Yes  No
- 3:24-26 How does God show that he is fair and just?  
 By having Jesus pay our punishment on the cross.  
 By being so good that he lets sin go unpunished.

3:24-26 God accepts our faith in Christ as the fulfillment of the law because

Our faith is so strong that it is never troubled with doubts.

The perfect obedience of Christ is credited to us by faith, as if it were our own.

3:27-28 Why can we Christians brag?

We obey God's law without error.

We brag of God's goodness and kindness for making us right with him by believing in Jesus.

3:29-30 Mark the correct statement.

God chooses the best and most sincere followers of all the world's religions.

People of all races, cultures and nations have equal opportunity because God saves anyone who turns from sin and believes in Jesus.

*Note: Paul's argument in Chapter 4 is based upon information found in Genesis 15:1-7 & 17:1-14.*

4:1-12 Abraham was accepted as right with God because (Gen. 15:6):

He believed God's promise.

He obeyed the law of circumcision.

What was revealed first?

Salvation by faith in God's promise.

The ritual of circumcision (Genesis 17:10).

4:4-8 The forgiveness of sins

Is what a person can earn by his good life.

Is an undeserved gift from God.

4:11-17 Who are the true, spiritual descendants of Abraham?

The Jews.

All those who believe the promises of God.

4:13-16 What removes God's anger?

People don't know what the law demands.

Christ, who paid the punishment that the law demanded.

4:17 Who works salvation in our lives?

God, who gives life to the dead.

We ourselves, who try to be as good as we can be.

4:18-21 Faith is

- The full conviction that God is able to do what he promised.
- A healthy self-esteem that we're good just the way we are.

4:22-24 The promises in the Old Testament

- Were written only for the people of that time.
- Were written also for us so we might trust in God.

4:25 When Christ died on the cross, our sins were punished and forgiven.  Yes  No

*Note: Paul explains the full meaning of 4:25 in Chapter 6.*

5:1 Since we have been made right with God through faith, we have \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

5:2 When we hope for the glory of God or expect to share in God's glory, that means we will enjoy:

- A future blessing that will surely happen.
- Something that may or may not happen.

5:3-5 God allows us to go through suffering and trials

- To shake us up and make us doubt.
- To build character and strengthen our faith.

5:5 We experience God's love through the work of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. We can be assured of this love

- When we believe in Christ.
- Only when we do not sin.

5:6-8 The greatest proof that God loves us is

- When we enjoy health and a good income, and have many friends.
- The gift of his Son Jesus who died on the cross for us.

5:9-10 If we believe in Jesus, we know that we will be saved because Jesus lives, that he rose from the dead.  True  False

5:9-11 Reconciliation presupposes that God and man are enemies. Why is man God's enemy?

- He has a physical, material body.
- He is proud and does not submit to God's will.

To be saved in this passage means

- To be saved from poverty, sickness, and guilt feelings.
- To be saved from hell, the ultimate expression of God's wrath.

5:12-14 Death proves that all men are sinners. \_\_\_\_ True \_\_\_\_ False

When an infant or an unborn child dies, it is because

\_\_\_\_ They have consciously disobeyed God's law.

\_\_\_\_ They inherited the sinful nature that comes to us from Adam.

5:15-19 Who is the human father of all people? \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 2:7, 20)  
Because of his sin everyone is born with a sinful nature, does what is wrong, and is punished with death (Genesis 3:17).

Who is the head of the new, redeemed human race? \_\_\_\_\_

Because of his obedience God gives eternal life to all those who believe.

5:20 The best way to eliminate the plague of evil in society is:  
\_\_\_\_ For people to believe in Christ and repent of their evil ways.  
\_\_\_\_ For people to know the law, because when they know what is right, they will have the power inside them to obey it.

God's grace is greater than anyone's sin and guilt.

\_\_\_\_ True \_\_\_\_ False

6:1-2 Is faith sincere if we continue to live a life of sin?

\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

6:3-7 To die with Christ and be buried with him through baptism means that the believer is "dead to the world." This means that he will  
\_\_\_\_ Have no friends or ever enjoy life again.  
\_\_\_\_ No longer let his sinful passions rule and control him.

To be joined to Christ in the likeness of his resurrection means

\_\_\_\_ That we will receive a resurrected body similar to Christ's resurrected body (Philippians 3:20-21).

\_\_\_\_ That we will never become sick, grow old and die.

\_\_\_\_ That we are alive to hear and obey what Christ commands.

*[2 correct answers]*

6:6 Why do our sinful bodies lose their power to sin?

\_\_\_\_ As we get older, we have less energy to do wrong.

\_\_\_\_ Our sinful self died with Christ when he died on the cross

6:8-11 The believer does not fear death because

\_\_\_\_ He knows that all of his sin has been forgiven by God.

\_\_\_\_ He already gave up the things of this world to serve Christ.

\_\_\_\_ He does not have feelings and emotions like other people.

*[2 correct answers]*



6:11-12 A dead person cannot hear nor obey orders. If a believer is "dead to sin," will he obey the call of his fleshly desires?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No [See Galatians 5:19-21]

6:12-14 Who has the right to tell us how to use our mind and body?  
\_\_\_\_\_ God \_\_\_\_\_ We ourselves \_\_\_\_\_ Others

6:15-18 Fill in the blanks from John 8:34. "Everyone who sins is a \_\_\_\_\_ to sin."  
Fill in the blanks from John 8:31-32. "Jesus said, 'If you obey my \_\_\_\_\_, you are really be my \_\_\_\_\_."  
Then you will know the truth and the truth will set you \_\_\_\_\_.

6:15-22 Here Paul calls the believer a "servant" or "slave" of God.  
\_\_\_\_\_ He is oppressed and does not enjoy freedom.  
\_\_\_\_\_ He is obedient to God his Master who freed him from the slavery to sin and its punishment.

6:23 What do we earn by our sinful life?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Eternal life \_\_\_\_\_ Death.

What was given to us as a free gift, not earned by our deeds?  
\_\_\_\_\_ Eternal life \_\_\_\_\_ Death

If we haven't earned eternal life, who earned it for us? \_\_\_\_\_

7:1-6 In a marital relationship a man and his wife have children. In like manner when the law of God tells us what to do, our sinful nature is aroused and we rebel and disobey. Our sinful acts result in \_\_\_\_\_ (7:5)

When \_\_\_\_\_ died on the cross, the condemnation of the law against us also died. When we believe in Christ, the old union between our passions and the law is broken. Now we have a new union with Christ. He lives in us so that now our lives can be \_\_\_\_\_ to God (7:4). The fruit of our union with Christ is obedience that the Holy Spirit works in us.

7:6 To serve God "in the new way of the Holy Spirit" and not in the "old way of the written code" means  
\_\_\_\_\_ That we no longer have to obey the Bible.  
\_\_\_\_\_ That we obey God, not because we are forced to, but because we really want to.

7:7-12 What is the purpose of the law?

- To show us what sin is.
  - To condemn sin.
  - To be a means of salvation. The more a person knows God's will, the more certain he will be of salvation.
- [2 correct answers]*

7:7-12 How does the law condemn?

- It shows me that what I thought was right may be wrong.
  - It gave sin an opportunity. The sin in me causes me to desire exactly what God prohibits.
  - It helps me overlook the wrongdoing of myself and others.
- [2 correct answers]*

7:5-21 The law is good in itself, but it became an instrument of condemnation and death because

- It lacks some commands that are essential for salvation.
- It does not give us the power to obey even though its commands are good.

7:14-20 Can man, in his own power, obey God's law?  Yes  No

7:14-23 In his inner self does the believer really desire to disobey God and his law?  Yes  No

7:24-8:1 What can free us and give us victory over our struggle with sin?

- More knowledge of the law.
- The forgiveness that comes from faith in Christ.

7:21-8:4 Where does spiritual power come from?

- The law
- Ourselves
- Jesus Christ

8:5-8 Who controls the Christian?

- The sinful nature.
- The Holy Spirit

Those who "live under the control of the Holy Spirit,"

- Think about what the Spirit wants.
- Always have visions and dreams about spiritual things.
- Try to please God by loving others.

*[2 correct answers]*

8:9-10 How can we receive the Spirit and be controlled by Him?

- Receive Jesus Christ by faith and prayer.
- Dedicate our lives to serve God.
- Find fault with those who don't do what is right.

*[2 correct answers. Read John 1:12 and Revelation 3:19-20]*

8:11 The power of Holy Spirit in us is the guarantee that God will raise our dead bodies from the grave when Christ returns.

True  False

8:5-11 Where the Spirit of God is, there is life.  True  False

8:12-14 Who are guided by the Spirit?

Everyone.

Those who are free to follow their feelings and desires.

Those who abandon their sins by the power of God and who dedicate themselves to serve him.

8:15 Being led by the Spirit frees us from the fear of death and hell.

True  False

8:16-17 How does the Holy Spirit assure us that we are sons of God?

By faith in Christ.

By giving us health and wealth.

By helping us see progress in our obedience to God.

By keeping us faithful even when we suffer for Jesus.

*[3 correct answers]*

8:18-25 Storms, earthquakes, plagues, famines, sickness and decay all show that the creation is destined to fail and rot away(8:20)

These things

Are part of the natural evolution of the world.

Entered the world because of Adam's sin (Genesis 3:17-19).

When Christ comes and the dead are raised, the world will be set free from its bondage (8:21). It will be renewed like our resurrected bodies.  True  False

*[See Acts 3:21; 1 Corinthians 15:35-55; 2 Peter 3:10-13 and Revelation 21:1-3]*

8:23-25 Redemption comes in two phases: Phase 1) When we receive the forgiveness of sins and the power of the Holy Spirit to help us please God, and Phase 2) when our bodies will be raised from the dead. What does Paul call the "promise of future blessing"?

Phase 1  Phase 2.

8:26-28 In prayer we always receive:

What we want.

What is for our eternal good.

What is in accord with the will of God.

*[2 correct answers. Read 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; James 4:1-3; 1 John 5:14-15]*

8:26-28 Why is the prayer of the Holy Spirit necessary?  
 Because He has the power to get us what we want.  
 Because He knows how to pray according to the will of God.

8:28-29 The "good" that God has for all those who love him is:  
 Success  
 Misery and suffering  
 To be like Christ.

8:30 It is possible to be planned for by God in eternity, appointed for salvation, and to be made right with God by believing in Christ; and then fail to be given his heavenly glory?  
 Yes  No

8:31-36 Satan, the great accuser (Job 1:1-2:10), would like believers to give up the faith. He attacks us with persecution and self-doubt because of our sins. What is our defense?  
 God is on our side. He made us right with him. He so loved us that he sent his Son to die to pay for our sins. Now Jesus prays for us in heaven. [*See 1 John 2:1-2*]  
 We are members of a church and that's good enough to save us. [*See Luke 18:10-14*]

8:37-39 We will do even more than win because God is more powerful than any of our enemies.  True  False

9:1-3 Paul was full of sorrow because  
 The Jews were concerned about circumcision.  
 Most Jews did not accept Jesus as Savior and Lord.

If it could have helped, Paul was willing to die and be eternally lost so that the Jews could be saved.  True  False

9:4-5 To be a Jew was a blessing because of their special relationship to God as revealed in the Old Testament. But following that tradition had no value in earning salvation (Philippians 3:4-9). Salvation comes only by believing in Christ.  
 True  False

9:6-9 Who are the true children of God?  
 The natural children or descendants of Abraham.  
 All those who believe in God's promises.

9:10-18 Is God unfair because he did not choose everyone?

Yes  No

Salvation is dependent upon

Human desire  God's mercy to helpless sinners.

9:19-21 Does the one made have the right to question the decisions of his Maker--God, the almighty Creator?  Yes  No

9:22-29 The Old Testament prophets, Isaiah and Hosea, predicted that salvation would be brought to the non-Jews and that only a few of the Jews would accept Jesus.

True  False

9:30-33 Jesus was a stone over which the Jews stumbled because

They tried to save themselves by obeying the law.

They were not willing to admit their sin and lostness and trust in Jesus who did the work of salvation for them.

They did not like Jesus' miracles.

*[2 correct answers]*

9:30-32 If we could earn salvation by ourselves through our own obedience to the law, would we need to be saved by someone else?

Yes  No

What statement is most true about yourself?

"You are good. You have the power to do right if you really try hard enough."

"You are lost. No matter how hard you try, you will never be good enough to please God. Only Jesus can save you."

10:1-4 Trying to save ourselves by good works reveals human pride and lack of submission to God's way of saving us.

True  False

10:5-8 Those who accept Christ

Try to raise themselves to heaven, where Christ is, by doing good works.

Try to descend to the depths of suffering, as Christ suffered on the cross, by doing acts of penance, by fasting, etc., in order to pay for their sins.

Accept the message of faith in Christ, where they are.

The person who tries to save himself through good works, either by acts of charity or penance, is

Doing what Christ wants him to do..

Actually rejecting Christ as his Savior.

10:9-11 If someone believes in Christ in his heart, is it also necessary to say so publicly.  Yes  No

10:12-13 To call on the name of the Lord is  
 To pray to God asking to be saved for Jesus' sake.  
 To recite the Lord's prayer (Matthew 6:9-13) and then make a request.

10:14-15 Is it possible to be saved without hearing about what Jesus did to save us from our sins?  Yes  No

10:16 Do all who hear about Jesus believe in him and become his followers?  Yes  No

10:17-21 The greater part of the Jews rejected Jesus because  
 They did not hear the preaching of the Apostles.  
 They were disobedient and stubborn.

11:1-5 The Apostles and the first Christians were Jews. This proves that God did not totally reject his people, the Jews.  
 True  False

11:5-10 Those who are saved  
 Are chosen by God's grace.  
 Are better than others.  
 Are enabled by God to understand the gospel.  
*[2 correct answers]*

11:11 Israel's sin was rejecting Jesus as the Savior and Lord.  
 True  False

11:12-15 When the Jews accept Jesus as Savior and Lord, that will usher in the last days, the time immediately preceding the second coming of Christ and the resurrection from the dead.  
 True  False

11:16-22 "The life-giving sap from the olive tree root" (11:17) represents the promises given to the Jews and fulfilled by Christ.  
 True  False

The Jews who rejected Jesus cut themselves off from the promised inheritance (See Matthew 21:43).  True  False

Even though the Jews rejected Christ,  
 Christians ought to love the Jews and seek their salvation.  
 Christians ought to despise and persecute the Jews.

11:20-24 Paul looked forward to a time when the Jews would be restored as God's people. This will happen  
 When they believe in Christ.  
 When they follow the traditions of the law more faithfully.

11:25-27 The salvation of "all Israel" means  
 The gathering of all the Jews to their homeland in Israel.  
 Their repentance from sin and their justification by faith in Jesus Christ.

11:28-32 In order for the Jews to receive God's mercy, they have to see themselves as disobedient and lost.  True  False

As far as salvation is concerned no nation, race, social class or people has any advantage over another. They all are lost and depend upon God's mercy.  True  False

11:33-36 If we don't understand God's plan, we ought to  
 Doubt the Bible because it is not rational.  
 Praise God because his ways are greater than human logic.  
 Complain that God is unjust because he touches wayward and sinful people and makes them part of his family.

12:1 We ought to offer our bodies in service to God  
 Because this is the best way to earn salvation.  
 Because this is the way we thank God for the salvation already received by faith.

To sacrifice our bodies is to kill our sinful desires with the help of the Holy Spirit.  
 True  False

12:2 We are to  
 Give in to peer pressure or public opinion.  
 Conform to God's will.

12:3-8 In this passage Paul describes the life of the believer  
 In the church, which is the Body of Christ (12:5)  
 In the home, in relation to other family members.

The gifts or ministries in the church are there

To meet the spiritual and material needs of believers.

For members to "show off" their talents and be applauded.

To demonstrate the love of Christ to one another.

*[2 correct answers]*

12:9-16 If Christ lives within us (8:10), we will be loving, faithful, joyful, patient, sharing, sympathetic, peaceful and humble.

True  False

12:17-21 If someone mistreats us, we ought to

Pay back what he deserves.

Let God judge the evildoer.

Do good to him even though he mistreated us.

*[2 correct answers]*

To repay someone good for evil is

To be a "sucker." It's utterly impractical.

God's method to prick the conscience of the evildoer and possibly lead him to repentance and a new life.

13:1-7 We should obey officers of the law

Because they are agents of God's anger to punish evil.

Only when they are watching.

Because they are appointed by God restrain evil and promote good order.

Because we know it is right.

*[3 correct answers]*

13:8-10 Is God pleased when his children do not pay their debts?

Yes  No

13:8 We have a debt to others. We owe them our love and respect.

We owe them love only if they have been good to us first.

We owe them love because God loved us when we were still sinners (Rom. 5:8). He wants us to follow his example.

*[See Ephesians 5:1-2]*

13:11-14 When Paul says that "our full salvation is closer now than it was when we first believed," he is saying that

The return of Christ and the resurrection from the dead is nearer.

The preaching of the gospel is now more real than before.



13:12-14 To put on the armor of light is to  
 Live in a way pleasing to Christ.  
 Make sure that everyone notices our good works.

14:1-8 In the Old Testament there were laws about what could be eaten (Leviticus 11), and about feast days and Sabbaths (Lev. 23). These laws identified the Jews and separated them from other people. They were ceremonial laws whose meaning was fulfilled by Christ (Acts 10:9-16; Colossians 2:16-17). After the resurrection of Jesus was it necessary to obey these laws?  
 Yes  No

How should we regard people who follow different customs in the food they eat, the styles of clothes they wear, the way they cut their hair, etc.?

Judge everyone wrong who does not share our customs.  
 Have a definite opinion whether to obey or not to obey certain customs.  
 Praise God and give him thanks in all that we do.

*[2 correct answers]*

14:9-12 Who is the Judge to whom are we accountable? (14:12)  
 To God.  
 To ourselves.  
 To others.

14:13-21 If we were to invite a recovering alcoholic to a party, would it please God if we served alcoholic beverages?  
 Yes, because the Bible does not condemn alcoholic drinks, only their abuse.  
 Yes, a recovering alcoholic should be able to turn down a drink and not spoil the fun of others.  
 No, because we might tempt a brother in Christ to fall back into alcohol abuse once again, and thus lose salvation.

14:17 "God's kingdom has nothing to do with eating or drinking. It is a matter of \_\_\_\_\_ with God. It brings \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit gives.

14:22-23 Is it ever right to do what our conscience tells us not to do?  
 Yes  No

- 15:1-6 What brings unity among Christians in their worship of God?  
\_\_\_\_ To imitate the example of Christ.  
\_\_\_\_ To please their neighbor in order to build him up in faith.  
\_\_\_\_ To please themselves.  
*[2 correct answers]*

- 15:7-11 What brings glory to God?  
\_\_\_\_ To form a group of the best people and then separate from weaker ones.  
\_\_\_\_ To welcome sinners to salvation, and worship and serve God together with them.

- 15:12 *Note: The "Root of Jesse" refers to Jesus who was a descendent of Jesse, the father of King David. See Matthew 1: 5.*

- How does Christ, the Root of Jesse, rule over the nations?  
\_\_\_\_ He commanded his followers to make disciples of all nations.  
(See Matthew 28:19-20).  
\_\_\_\_ He rules in the hearts of all those who believe in him.  
\_\_\_\_ He rules with political and military power.  
*[2 correct answers]*

- 15:14 In order to teach or counsel one another, we ought to  
\_\_\_\_ Be filled with goodness.  
\_\_\_\_ Know the truth.  
\_\_\_\_ Be ordained ministers with a seminary education.  
*[2 correct answers]*

- 15:15-19 How did the Gentiles come to obey God?  
\_\_\_\_ By knowing the legal requirements of the law.  
\_\_\_\_ By repenting of their sin and believing in Christ.  
\_\_\_\_ By the power of God shown in signs and miracles.  
*[2 correct answers]*

- 15:20-22 It should be the ambition of the believer to preach the gospel  
\_\_\_\_ To the unchurched and unrepentant.  
\_\_\_\_ To believers who belong to "weaker" churches than ours.

- 15:23-25 Paul was leaving Greece to go to Jerusalem. After going to Jerusalem, he wanted to go on to Rome so that the Christians there could send him on to \_\_\_\_\_ with their support.

- 15:22-29 Acts 20-28 tells the story of Paul's trip from Greece (Macedonia) to Jerusalem and then on to Rome. Philippians 1:12-26; 4:10-22 and Philemon give details about Paul's life in prison in Rome.

We don't know if Paul ever got to Spain? After being freed from his first imprisonment Paul wrote his first letter to Timothy and a letter to Titus. He journeyed to Ephesus and Troas, was taken into custody and brought back to Rome where he was beheaded for the gospel by Nero in 66 or 67 AD. Shortly before death during this second imprisonment Paul wrote his Second letter to Timothy.

15:30-33 How was Paul's prayer answered? Paul was imprisoned by the unbelievers in Judea (Acts 21:27-33). Did they manage to kill him? (Acts 23:11-25). \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

16:1-2 *Read Luke 8:1-3, Acts 9:36-39; 16:14-15 about other women who served the Lord.*

16:1-16 Why did Paul greet the people mentioned in these verses?  
\_\_\_\_ They were all his relatives, like Herodion (16:11).  
\_\_\_\_ They were influential people in Roman society.  
\_\_\_\_ They were known friends who shared the same faith and ministry.

16:17-19 The church is warned to avoid  
\_\_\_\_ Those who cause divisions by smooth talk and flattery.  
\_\_\_\_ Those who have their own interests in mind.  
\_\_\_\_ Those who are needy and repentant sinners.  
*[2 correct answers]*

16:20 How will God crush Satan under our feet?  
\_\_\_\_ By our faith in Christ who defeated Satan on the cross (Colossians 2:13-15; 1 John 5:4)  
\_\_\_\_ By our resurrection from the dead and our reign with Christ in glory (1 Corinthians 15:25-28).  
\_\_\_\_ By science which has freed us from belief in evil spirits.  
*[2 correct answers]*

16:22 Tertius was Paul's secretary who wrote down this letter as Paul dictated. \_\_\_\_ True \_\_\_\_ False

16:25-27 That Christ would be believed in and obeyed by people of all nations was  
\_\_\_\_ A mystery hidden for a very long time.  
\_\_\_\_ Predicted by Old Testament prophets.  
\_\_\_\_ Something Paul invented.  
\_\_\_\_ Always in God's eternal plan to be revealed in Christ.  
*[3 correct answers]*