**Reviewing Romans**

1. ***Romans*** = Paul’s ***Longest***—Most ***Systematic*** Letter = ***Central*** Purpose = Explain One ***True Gospel***
   1. Shows How Gospel = Every Human Being = Everyone Needs Savior = Jews & Gentiles Alike
   2. Jews Not Exempted Bec/ History & Law = Gentiles Not Excluded Bec/ Their History & Lack of Law
   3. Paul ***Showing*** That ***In Savior*** = ***All*** Distinctions ***Before*** God = ***Abolished*** = That We Are All One In Xp
2. So ***Driving*** Paul’s ***Long***—Systematic ***Explanation*** of Gospel = ***One*** Very ***Practical*** Application = ***Unity***
   1. Unity Of God’s People = Equality In Christ = W/ Particular Concern For = Jew & Gentile Unity
   2. ***In Some*** Ways = ***Purpose*** of Romans ***Summarized*** = Col. 3:11—"*Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all*.”
   3. In Colossians He Says It = In Romans = Shows It = Explains = Leveling & Unifying Power of Gospel
   4. ***Rtness*** Jews ***Seek*** = Only ***Obtained*** In Xp 🡪 ***Wisdom*** Gentiles ***Seek*** = Only ***Revealed*** In Xp = ***All & In All***
3. So Application of Gospel To Roman Church & All Churches = ***Unity*** = Jew & Gentile = ***1 Body*** In Christ
   1. What Levels Playing Field = What Puts Every Human Being On Common Footing = Truths of Gospel
   2. All Human Beings = Created By God = In Image of God = All Fell In Adam = Sinned Fallen Short of Glory
   3. All Need Savior To Bear Guilt of Sin = All Need Forgiveness & Hope of Eternal Life = All Need Messiah
4. Stott—Romans “*a full and fresh statement of the apostolic gospel, which would …resolve the conflict between* ***Jews and Gentiles*** *over the covenant and the law, and so promote the* ***unity of the church***.”

**First, All Have Sinned & Fall Short (1-3)**

1. ***Failure*** of Gentiles = ***Though*** Created ***In God’s Image*** = Could ***See*** Truth & Power ***of God*** In All Creation
   1. Although ***Knew*** God = Not ***Honor*** Him ***As God*** = Suppressed ***Knowledge*** = Worshipped ***Creation***
2. ***Failure*** of Jews = ***Although*** = Covenant—Prophets—Law = ***Unable*** To Keep ***Law*** = Only ***Revealed*** Their Sin
   1. ***Law*** Not ***Save*** = **(2:23)** “*You who boast in the law dishonor God by breaking the law*” = Jews ***Sinners*** Too
3. **(1-3)** ***Paul*** Methodically ***Shows*** Jew & Gentile ***Both*** Guilty ***Before*** God = ***All*** = Sinned & Fall ***Short*** of Glory
   1. Even ***Jews*** = Despite All Their Advantages = No Better Off = Shows Gospel For All People Everywhere
4. Gospel ***Power*** of God ***For Salvation*** For All ***Who*** Believe = ***This*** Salvation =***Gift*** of God ***Thru*** Faith ***In Jesus Xp***
   1. Rom. 3: 20, 23-25, 28-30—"*For by works* ***of the law*** *no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin…For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified* ***by his grace*** *as a gift,* ***through*** *the redemption that is* ***in Christ Jesus****….we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law”* = All ***In Same*** Boat = ***One Way*** of Salvation = ***Faith*** In Xp

**Second, Salvation By Grace Through Faith (4-5)**

1. To Biblically ***Illustrate*** = How ***People*** Are Saved ***By Grace*** Thru ***Faith*** = Apart ***From*** Law = ***Goes To*** Pg 15
   1. ***My Bible*** = 1875 Pgs = NT ***Starts*** 1463 = ***Salvation*** By Grace ***Alone***-Thru ***Faith*** Alone = ***Taught On*** Pg 15
2. Chap 4 = ***Take*** Abe ***For Example*** = ***IOW*** Not ***New*** Way ***of Salvation*** = But ***Essence*** of Covenant of Grace
   1. **(4:2-3)** *If Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about…For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness*.” = Saved By Grace
   2. Paul ***Showing*** Jews of Day = ***Hope*** of Salvation = Never ***In Law*** = But ***By*** Grace & Faith = **(4:5)** *To the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness*
3. All ***Who*** Believe ***Jesus*** = Children of Abe = Not ***Just*** Jews = ***Gentile*** Down ***The Pew*** = Child ***of Abe*** By Faith
   1. **(4:11)** “*He received the sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. The purpose was to make him the father of all who believe*” = ***Ever***—OT & NT
   2. Paul Explains = Clearly In First Half of Chap 9 = Not ***All*** Israel = ***Israel*** = Children = Not ***Flesh*** = But ***Faith***
4. **(5:10)** “*While* ***WE*** *were enemies WE were reconciled to God by the death of his Son*” = ***Both*** Jew & Gentile
   1. Proves ***=Rest*** of Chap 5 ***Showing*** = In Adam ***All*** Human Beings ***Died*** = All ***People*** = Only ***Be Saved*** In Xp
   2. All ***People*** = Jew & Gentile = ***Either*** In Adam & Enemies 🡪 ***Or*** In Xp ***Thru*** Whom ***Reconciled*** To God

**Third, Sanctification By Grace Through Faith 6-8**

1. Gospel ***Unites*** Jew & Gentile ***In Death*** ***& Resurrect*** of Xp = ***Shows*** Inadequacy ***of Law*** = Power ***Of HS***
   1. Sanctification = ***Growing*** In Life ***of Holiness*** = Not ***Achieved*** In Our ***Own*** Strength = ***Law*** ***Has*** No ***Power***
   2. ***Freedom*** From ***Power*** of Sin = ***Growth*** In Holiness = ***Only*** Experienced ***Thru*** Union ***W/ Xp*** = Power ***of HS***
   3. **(6:4)** “*We were buried therefore* ***with him*** *by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life*” = ***United*** In Death & Life
2. **(6:11, 14, 18)** You “*must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus*…*Sin will have no dominion over you…having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness”* = New ***Heart*** In Xp
   1. Chap 7 = Our Freedom From Law = ***Though*** Holy & Good = ***Unable*** To Save & Transform = ***No*** Power
3. Chap 8 = Chap of Spirit = ***Explains*** = Presence & Power of Holy Spirit = If Walk In Spirit = Not Obey Flesh
   1. **(8:14-15)** “*all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God*…*You have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father*!" = So In Newness of Spirit = His Leading & Power = Changed
4. Chap 8 ***Crescendos*** = W/ Confidence of Those = Experienced God’s Electing Grace In Jesus = Baptized By HS
   1. **(8:30)** *Those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified*” = Predestined ***In Eternity Past***—Called & Justified ***In Time***=Glorified
   2. **(8:35-37 & 39)** *Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?...No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us*…*nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate*.”

**Fourth, Gentiles Grafted Into The One People of God (9-11)**

1. ***After*** Unpacking ***Gospel*** = ***As God’s*** One Way ***of Salvation*** For ***All People*** = For ***All Times*** = Jew & Gentile
   1. Takes ***Head On*** = Relat ***Betw***/ Israel & Church = ***Begins*** By Explaining = Not ***All*** Israel ***Is Israel*** = Of Faith
   2. Even In OT = Only True Children of Abe = ***Children*** Of Faith = ***Jewishness*** Not ***Save*** People = Only Faith
2. ***Despite*** Advantages & Blessings ***Israel*** Enjoyed ***In OT*** =Not ***Less*** Sinful ***Than*** Rest ***of Humanity*** =Need ***Savior***
   1. ***Speaks of*** Sadness & Justice=When ***Many*** Jews ***Reject*** Messiah=***Cut Off*** From ***Believing*** Israel=***Accursed***
3. **(11:5)** Also ***Rejoices*** = There Is ***A Remnant*** In Israel = ***Who*** Believe & Are Saved = ***Come*** To Faith ***In Messiah***
   1. Into ***This Stump*** of Jesse = ***God*** Grafts ***Believing*** Gentiles = ***Unites*** Jew & Gentile=***Thru*** Faith ***In Messiah***
   2. So ***Church*** = Not ***Replace*** Israel = ***It Is*** Israel = ***Gentiles*** Join ***Israel*** Thru ***Faith*** In Messiah = ***All*** Believers
   3. Israel Now Reckoned Thru Her Messiah 🡪 Abe Children = Those Who Are In Xp = True Israel of Faith
   4. Eph. 2:12-15—“*Remember that you* [Gentiles] *were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace, who has made us both* [Jew & Gentile] *one…create in himself one new man in place of the two”* = Gentiles Always Able To Convert = Do So in Mass in Xp
   5. Message of Rom = Unites the Church 🡪 Jesus = ***Savior*** of Jews = ***But*** Not ***Jews*** Only = ***All*** Who ***Believe***

**Finally, The Gospel Is For All of Life (12-16)**

1. Paul ***Applies*** New Life ***In HS*** To God’s People = ***How*** Do People ***Who Are*** Dead ***To Sin*** But ***Alive*** To God ***Live***?
   1. Paints ***Broad*** Strokes ***of Rteous*** Life ***= Law*** Not ***Save Us =*** But ***Rtness*** Flows ***From*** Salvation
   2. ***Regeneration*** of HS = ***Creates*** In Us ***New Heart*** of Love ***To God*** = From ***Which*** Life ***of Obedience*** Flows
   3. Not ***Law*** of Moses ***Which*** Governs = ***But*** Law ***of Love*** = Rtness & Holiness = ***Gracious*** Work ***of HS***
   4. **(13:8 & 10)** “*Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law….Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law*.”
   5. So Weak ***Must*** Love ***Strong*** W/ Out ***Judgment*** 🡪 Strong Must Love Weak W/ Out Condescension
2. **(15:7)** “*Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God*.” = One Body United In Xp
3. So Grand Application = This Is Word of God = Believe Gospel = Experience Its Power Thru Faith In Jesus Xp
   1. This = Only Gospel We Proclaim = Power of God To Save = To Preach Any Other = To Be Anathema
   2. Gospel We Preach = To Offer Gift of Free Salvation = To All Who Believe = Entirely Apart From Works
   3. Free Forgiveness—Gift of Rtness—New Heart of Love—Alive To God =
   4. That We May Offer Selves To Him As Living Sacrifices = Holy & Pleasing To God