

Bible - Introduction to Romans

Grades 9-12

Course Description:

“The righteous man shall live by faith.” These are among the most inspiring words in all of Scripture. They, more than any others, stirred the heart of the great Martin Luther in the 16th century, and then brought the assurance of salvation to a bedraggled John Wesley two hundred years later. They are found in Paul’s letter to the Romans, a book so full of depth, taking only one year to study it, we will only scratch the surface. But what treasure we will find there!

The approach we will take will be an inductive study method. We will first view the book as a whole, and then move to study it chapter by chapter, and in some cases verse by verse. In the process, we will encounter some of the most significant doctrines of our faith to stimulate our thinking, promises beyond counting to encourage us, and many practical applications to strengthen our commitment to Christ. By the end of the course, students will have a firm grasp on the structure of the book as well as its many elements. Since we will stress application, one of the main goals of the course is to see students’ lives changed as they live out the knowledge they will be gaining.

Each student will receive a full syllabus containing notes and homework assignments to be done. They will need to have a Bible, a set of colored pencils, a notebook in which to put their syllabus, and may also choose to purchase a commentary on Romans, though this is not required. Students will be taught the mechanics of inductive Bible study so that they can confidently study their Bibles long after the class is a memory to them.

The course will be graded using a point system. Points will be earned for attendance, participation in class, homework, and small quizzes designed to ensure that we are gaining the knowledge we need before moving on to new topics. I plan on 5 quizzes for the year, one for each of the major segment divisions in the book. There will be no major exams and no written essays required.

Cost per semester: \$25 (see note under “Instructor”)

Materials/Admin. Fee: (see note under Note from Mrs. Harding)

Min. number of students: 5 Max. number of students: n/a

Text: n/a

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Instructor: Mrs. Martha Harding

Mrs. Harding has taught Bible classes with the APS co-op for 5 years, and has loved it more each year. She has a Bachelor's degree from The Master's College in Christian Ministries, and will be pursuing a Master's degree in education beginning in the fall. She also teaches 6th grade Sunday school with her husband, and has led many women's studies in the past.

Note from Mrs. Harding: The cost for the course is \$25/semester for each student, but scholarships for the course fee are available and eagerly granted. Please talk to me for more information on this. Beyond that, the students may have to pay a small copying fee for the materials provided, but my expectation is that the course fee will cover this.

I am eager to begin such a dynamic study of one of my favorite books of the Bible and to see how the Lord will use it. Thank you so much for the opportunity to teach your high schoolers. Soli deo gloria!

This is a two semester course and is worth 10 units. A grade will be issued by the instructor at the end of each semester.

