

Introduction

I. Introduction to the RTS Women's Bible Study

- A. Why Start a RTS Women's Bible Study?
- B. Overview of Daily and Yearly Schedule

II. Introduction to the Book of Romans

- A. What's So Great about the Book of Romans?
- B. Background to the Book of Romans
 - 1. Authorship
 - 2. Date
 - 3. Audience
- C. Message and Structure of the Book
 - I. *Part One (1:1-17): Paul's Thesis: The Good News ("the Gospel") is That We Are Saved by Faith Alone*
 - II. *Part Two (1:18-5:21): Paul's Case for Justification by Faith Alone*
 - A. *All Are Sinful (1:18-3:20)*
 - B. *God Justifies Us by Faith (3:21-5:21)*
 - III. *Part Three (6:1-11:36): Paul Answers Objections to Justification by Faith Alone*
 - A. *Does this mean I can live however I want? (6:1-23)*
 - B. *What does this mean about the role of God's Law? (7:1-25)*
 - C. *Is this salvation certain? Can I lose it? (8:1-39)*
 - D. *What about the nation of Israel? (9:1-11:36)*
 - IV. *Part Four (12:1-15:13): Exhortation and Application*
 - A. *Spiritual Living (12:1-21)*
 - B. *Submission to Authorities (13:1-14)*
 - C. *Judging One Another (14:1-15:7)*
 - V. *Part Five (15:14-16:27): Personal Matters and Final Greetings*

Discussion Groups

1. Tell us about yourself and your family. How did you hear about the RTS women's Bible study?

2. What makes you excited about studying the book of Romans? What do you hope to get out of this time together?

3. What would you say is your life "thesis" right now? How does Paul's life thesis (the gospel) both challenge and encourage your own?
