

Romans 3, 5, 12 - The Gospel according to St. Paul

When Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome, he wanted to summarize the Gospel he had been preaching and writing about for many years. He had always been emphasizing two ideas:

- A. How God put things right for us, and
- B. How we ought to live in return.

In this exercise we will take a good look at three hard passages which explain these two ideas.

1. According to **Romans 3:21-26**, God puts us right with himself if we obey his law. True? Or False?
2. God puts us right through our faith in Jesus. True? Or False?
3. All of us have sinned and are separated from God. True? Or False?
4. Being put right with God is something we have to earn. True? Or False?
5. Being put right with God is something God gives us for free. True? Or False?
6. Jesus' death was the means by which our sins are forgiven. True? Or False?
7. In the past, God overlooked people's sins. True? Or False?
8. Now God forgives people's sins. True? Or False?
9. Some people who believe in Jesus will not be put right with God. True? Or False?
10. In your own words, tell how you know you have been put right with God.

11. Now read **Romans 5:1-11**. If we're going to brag, what should we brag about?

12. What is the best proof that God loves all sinners?

The first twelve questions in this exercise were all about how God put things right for us. Now here are nine questions about how we should live in return.

13. According to **Romans 12:1-8**, what should we sacrifice to God?
our money - ourselves - a burnt offering - our time
14. It is OK for Christians to live like the rest of the world. True? Or False?
15. Our way of thinking is to be changed by God. True? Or False?
16. It's OK to look down on people who are not as good as we are. True? Or False?
17. We should be modest in our thinking. True? Or False?
18. Every person in the church has the same job. True? Or False?
19. Check the gifts you think God has given you:
 speaking serving teaching encouraging others
 working hard sharing showing kindness
20. If you are a student, how do you plan to use your gifts to serve God by serving others during the coming year?
21. When you become an adult, how do you plan to use your gifts to serve God by serving others?
22. Choose a key verse from each of these chapters. Color them in your Bible, and list their references here:
