

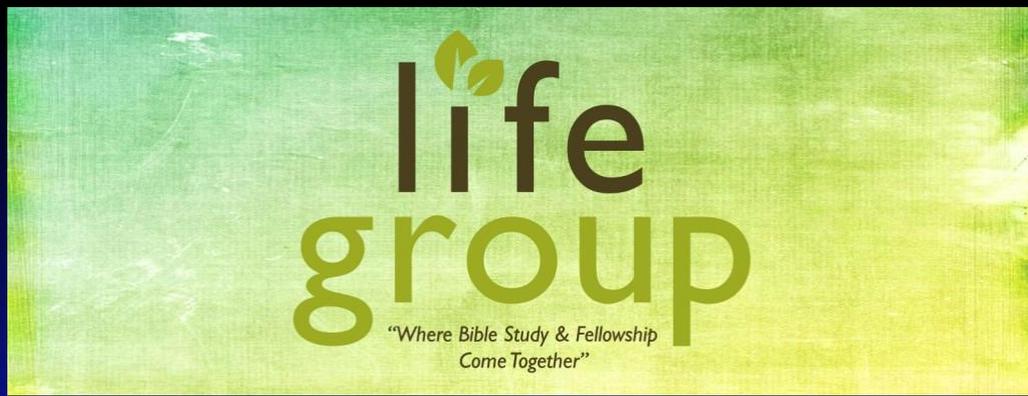
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**Let's Prepare Our Hearts to Worship  
our HOLY and AWESOME GOD**



**LIFE Group ...**

**We are in an Equipping Series (see Ephesians 4:11-16) that is focused on the Gospel of Christ.**

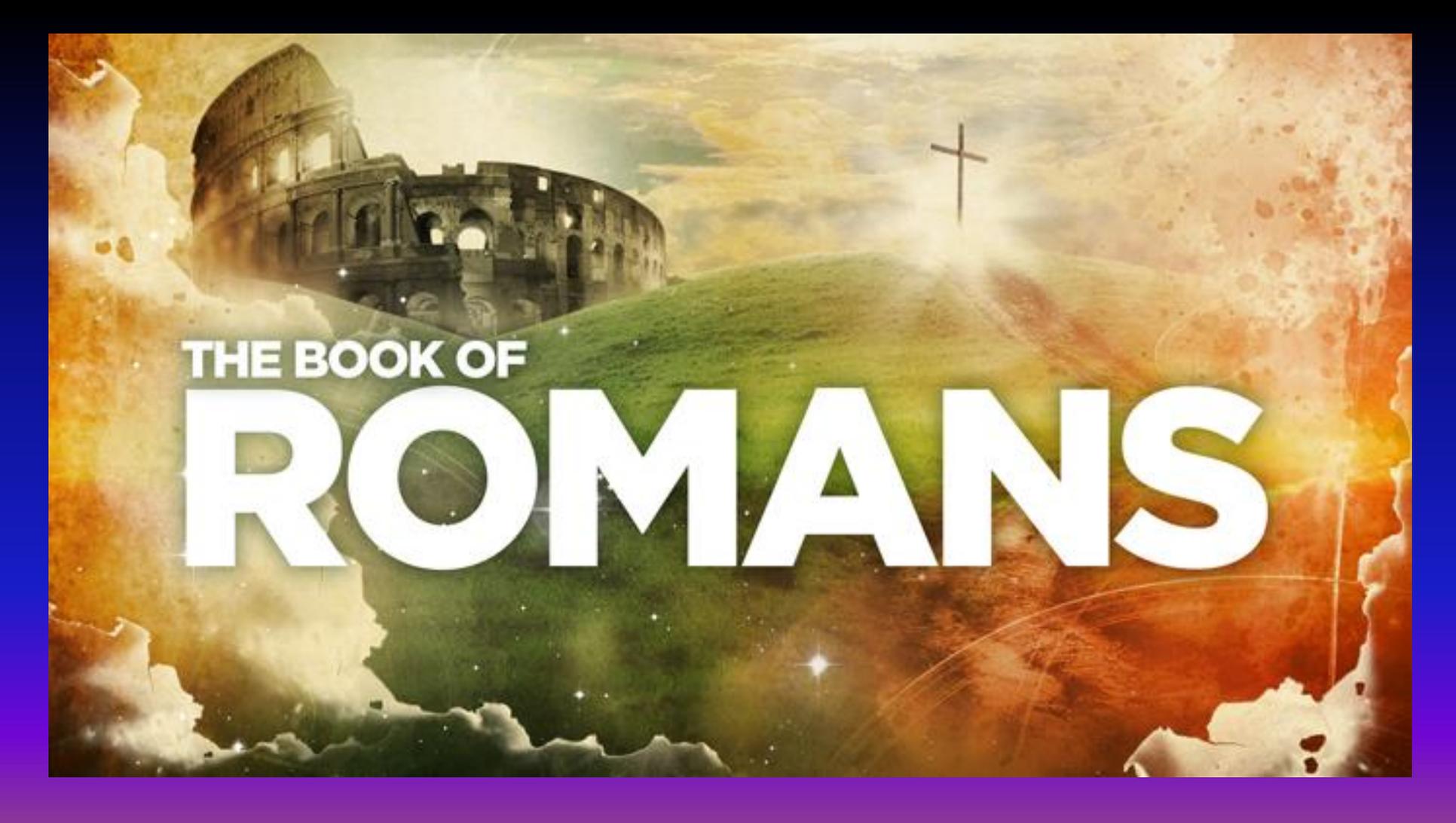
**We'll be Equipped in the Gospel, know it & sharing it  
For the next several weeks ...**

**6:30 pm at the Thomas' home on Wed. evenings**

**Now let's Learn from God's Holy Word →**



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THE BOOK OF

# ROMANS

# Preparations For Missions

**CLASS REVIEW Before the TEST ...**

## **1. The Great Foundational Doctrines of the Faith**

- a. God's Salvation revealed in the Gospel of Christ (Rom. 1:16-17)**
- b. God is Creator (Romans 1:18-22)**
- c. Humans are fully sinful and depraved and due God's Wrath (Romans 1:18-3:31)**
- d. Forgiveness, Redemption, Justification by Faith in Christ as a Free Gift from God (Romans 3-5)**
- e. Sanctification, Growing in Christlikeness until Christ takes us home (Romans 6-8)**

## **2. Israel is still a part of God's Overall Plan of Redemption (Rom 9-11)**

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- 3. Our personal responsibility of personal, individual Faith in Christ as fully surrendered, growing and transforming disciples of Christ → Our Personal Relationship with God and His Word (Romans 12:1-2)**
- 4. Our Relationship to our fellow believers in our local church family, within the Body of Christ (Romans 12:3-21)**
- 5. Our Relationship to Government and God's Ideal of Government (Romans 13:1-7)**
- 6. Our Relationship to people around us that may be outside of Christ, how we are to deal with our past and the blatantly sinful world around us (Romans 13:8-14)**
- 7. How do we relate to & love our Quirky Christian brothers & sisters? (Romans 14)**

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**Romans 15:1-13**

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<sup>8</sup> Now I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant to the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made to the fathers, <sup>9</sup> and that the **Gentiles** might glorify God for His mercy, as it is written: “For this reason I will confess to You among the **Gentiles**, and sing to Your name.” <sup>10</sup> And again He says: “Rejoice, O **Gentiles**, with His people!” <sup>11</sup> And again: “Praise the LORD, all you **Gentiles**! Laud Him, all you peoples!” <sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says: “There shall be a root of Jesse; and He who shall rise to reign over the **Gentiles**, in Him the **Gentiles** shall hope.”

<sup>13</sup> Now may the God of **HOPE** fill you with all **JOY** and **PEACE** in believing, that you may abound in **HOPE** by the **POWER** of the Holy Spirit.

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## 1. The Strong supporting the weak . . .

(tying in what was taught in Romans 14)

If our goal in life and within our local church family is to Glorify Christ, we will not be living for ourselves. We will not be focused on ourselves, our own things, only the things of our earthly human family ... but we will also focus on loving one another in the body of Christ ...

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2. Like-Minded → Based upon God's Holy Word ...

we must be in Unity with God's Word.

HOPE ... based upon the Bible, from the patience and comfort of God's Word . .

Hope is like FUEL for the Fire of Obeying Christ ... Hope, Vision, Expecting God to Do

This will cause Our Minds and Our Mouths to Glorify God . . .

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→ Open our Mouths → The Proclamation of the Gospel

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## 3. Receive One Another, regardless of our differing backgrounds – Preparations for Missions

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**Promises Fulfilled to Israel ... and Mercy unto the Gentiles... to the Glory of God. As God opens the doors for the Gospel to more and more people groups, the people coming to Christ may be quite different than us ... in how they look, their culture, and in many other ways. The Great Promise of God reaching the Gentiles with His Salvation through Israel is being fulfilled, even still today → Missions**

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**QUESTION...** Why would anyone want to be a part of a bickering, backbiting church? A Loving Church, that is what folks, ALL OVER the WORLD are looking for. They want Love and need God's Truth  
Atmosphere of God's Love leads us to fulfill the Great Commission

# Preparations For Missions

4. **FUEL** → **HOPE** in the Power of the Holy Spirit ...

→ **JOY** and **PEACE** in Believing ...

He reiterates this as a Pronouncement of Blessings ... **WHY?**

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The **MISSION**, the **GREAT COMMISSION**, is what he just reiterated in verses 9 - 12, from the Scriptures ... He was Quoting the Old Testament Prophecies of the Fruit of the Messiah's Earthly Ministry . . . most did not understand that the Messiah would use His followers to accomplish His Full Ministry of the Spread of God's Salvation to the Gentiles.

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We need that kind of overwhelming Supernatural Power of God ... which is His Holy Spirit pouring Himself into us – pouring into us → God's **HOPE**, **JOY**, and Peace that Enables us to **TRUST HIM** as we Obey Him with Spreading the Gospel ... do you see this? → Holy Spirit Empowered **ENCOURAGEMENT** ...

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## CALL TO ACTION ...

1. We, together, as a local church family must show God's Love toward One Another and be accepting of one another. That doesn't mean we accept sinful behaviors or attitudes, but we accept one another. Prayerfully Love and Care for one another ... the Atmosphere of God's Love is what folks are really looking for out there.

2. We've been called by God to Spread the Gospel of Christ to the Lost ... We must do so in the Power, Encouragement, Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace of the Holy Spirit ... or it will be empty effort.

**See y'all Next Time we Gather...**

**@ LIFE Group and/or Here Next Week**



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