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1. Intro

- The book of Romans answers so many questions about the Gospel of salvation. It also answers questions about what comes after we believe the Gospel.
- Challenge: For the next month, read one chapter of Romans every day.

2. Review of Romans:

- A. Romans 1:1-17: Paul's opening greeting and introduction to the Gospel.
 - Paul declared he was not ashamed of the Gospel.
 - Romans 1:16-17
 - The Gospel is truly the greatest and most important message ever!
- B. Romans 1:18 3:20: The sinfulness of all mankind and the wrath of God toward sin and sinners.
 - Are you convinced you are sinful before God?
 - Romans 3:9-12, 23
- C. Romans 3:21- 5:21: Salvation is by grace alone, through <u>faith</u> alone, in Christ alone.
 - God's Word spells out God's plan to save us from the just penalty for our sinfulness!
 - Romans 3:21-25a
 - Are you resting in these truths?
- D. Romans 6-7: The Christian's struggle with sin.
 - Did you think that once you became a Christian, you would stop sinning?
 Surprise! Not so! But it wasn't a surprise to Paul:
 - Romans 7:14-17
 - Romans told us why we still sin:
 - Romans 7:21-23 The sinful nature is still in us and is at war with our mind.
 - Some Christians think that since Jesus dealt with the penalty for our sins, sinning isn't really a big deal anymore. But Romans addressed that apathy toward sin also:
 - Romans 6:1-2

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E. Romans 8: The amazing and unconditional <u>blessings</u> given to God's children in the New Covenant.

- God chose to lavish His grace on people who believe the Gospel message:
 - No condemnation for those who belong to Christ!
 - Romans 8:1
 - God placed the Holy Spirit inside us. And His Spirit helps us, controls & guides us, and never leaves us.
 - He adopted us into His family and we can call God "Abba Father" or "dad" or "daddy"!
 - His Spirit also prays for us when we trip over our words and don't even know what to pray for!
 - God promised to one day give us a new body without sin and death in it.
 - God promised a new earth with no curse on it where we'll live in His presence forever.
 - In the mean time, He promises to work all things out for good, and He declares nothing will ever separate us from His love.
 - Romans 8:38-39
- F. Romans 9-11: God's sovereign choice to switch between Jews and Gentiles to be His earthly representatives.
- G. Romans 12 15:13: God desires that Christians choose daily to live a life <u>surrendered</u> to Him and to <u>love</u> one another.
 - So, I've trusted the Gospel, I'm His child, and God has unconditionally heaped His grace upon me. He has made me His child for all of eternity. What now???
 - Romans 12:1-2 Let your bodies and lives be a living sacrifice to God!
 - **Romans 12:9-10** Truly love others!
 - You've trusted the Gospel and you are now God's child. The question now is...
 what kind of a child are you?
- H. Romans 15:14 16:27: Paul's closing comments and greetings.

3. Challenge:

- If you haven't believed the Gospel yet, do it today!
- If you have believed the Gospel, begin to rest in your salvation today.
- If you're certain of your salvation, what kind of a child of God are you today?