

Romans chapter 6

Summarize Paul's argument regarding sin and death [1-11].

Paul suggests that we are all slaves or servants; what options are available to us [12-23]? Is it possible to not be a slave?

Notice the contrasts in the key words from this chapter: righteousness, sin, obedience, slavery, freedom, death, life.

Romans chapter 11

This chapter is all about the relationships between two groups of Christians in the church at Rome; what groups are they? Why does he devote so much effort to this topic, what is at stake here?

In verse 2 we find “God has not rejected his people”. What important supporting argument does Paul offer in verses 5-7?

Romans chapter 12

Having clarified some detailed doctrinal issues in chapters 9-11, Paul begins chapter 12 with “Therefore” -- what does instruction does he give to the slaves of chapter 11 [1-2]?

In verses 3-8 Paul speaks again about differences between Christians; what is different this time?

Throughout his letter Paul has dealt with weighty, and sometimes abstract, philosophical and doctrinal issues. In what ways is this chapter different [especially 9-21]?

Next week: 1 Corinthians chapters 1, 9, and 12.