

LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Chapters 11-16

Read 11:1-6 What are some additional Old Testament examples that illustrate God and the surviving remnant? (Note 11:2-4)

Read 11:17-24 How does St. Paul picture the Messianic people? (Note 11:17-24)

How will fallen away Israelites be regrafted onto the tree? (Note 11:20)

Read 11:25-27 What is this “mystery” that St. Paul is talking about? (Note 11:25)

Topical Essay --The Salvation of All Israel

What is the significance of the shift in the use of the word “Jews” in the first part of Romans (Rom 1-8) and the word “Israel” in the balance of the text?

What is the two covenant view vs. the New Covenant view of Salvation of All Israel?

Read 12:1-2 What is the contrast between true worship and Idolatrous worship?
(Note 12:1-2)

How does St. John Chrysostom see the body as a living sacrifice? (Note 12:1)

Read 12:4-5 How is the Church a mystery of Unity and Diversity? (Note 12:4-5)

Read 12:6-8 What are spiritual gifts and what is their purpose? What is meant by the “analogy of faith” or the “deposit of faith”? (Note 12:6)

Read 12:9-21 What does St. Paul teach about Love, Prayer and Peace? (Note 12:10) (Note 12:12) (Note 12:18)

What is the meaning of the phrase “Vengeance is mine”? (Note 12:19)

What is meant by the passage: “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing, you will heap burning coals upon his head.”? (Note 12:20)

Read 13:1-7 What does Scripture teach about authority, politics and obedience? What is the Christian response to a law imposed by the state that contradicts a Divine Law? (Note 13:1)

What is the Church’s teaching on capital punishment? (Note 13:4)

Read 14:1-4 What is the meaning of the distinction that St. Paul makes between “weak” and “strong” in the faith? (Note 14:1-15:13)

What kind of behavior did the Jewish Christian minority display when they lived among the Gentile Christians? (Note 14:1)

Read 14:5 Is the Mosaic law binding in the Messianic age? (Note 14:5)

Read 14:13-23 What is the meaning of “stumbling block” and “unclean” in this passage? (Note 14:13) (Note 14:14)

Read 15:1-2 Does St. Paul consider himself a weak Christian bound by the Mosaic regulations? (Note 15:1)

Read 15:9-12 What is the meaning of these verses as they pertain to Israel and the Gentiles worshipping together? (Note 15:9-12)

What is meant by the “root of Jesse”? (Note 15:12)

Read 16:1-2 Phoebe was a deaconess. So therefore, wouldn't it be possible that she was also a priest and a member of the ordained clergy? (Note 16:1)

Read 16:3-5 Where did the early Christians meet to pray and worship? (Note 16:5)

Read 16:17-18 What is the meaning of these verses? (Note 16:18)