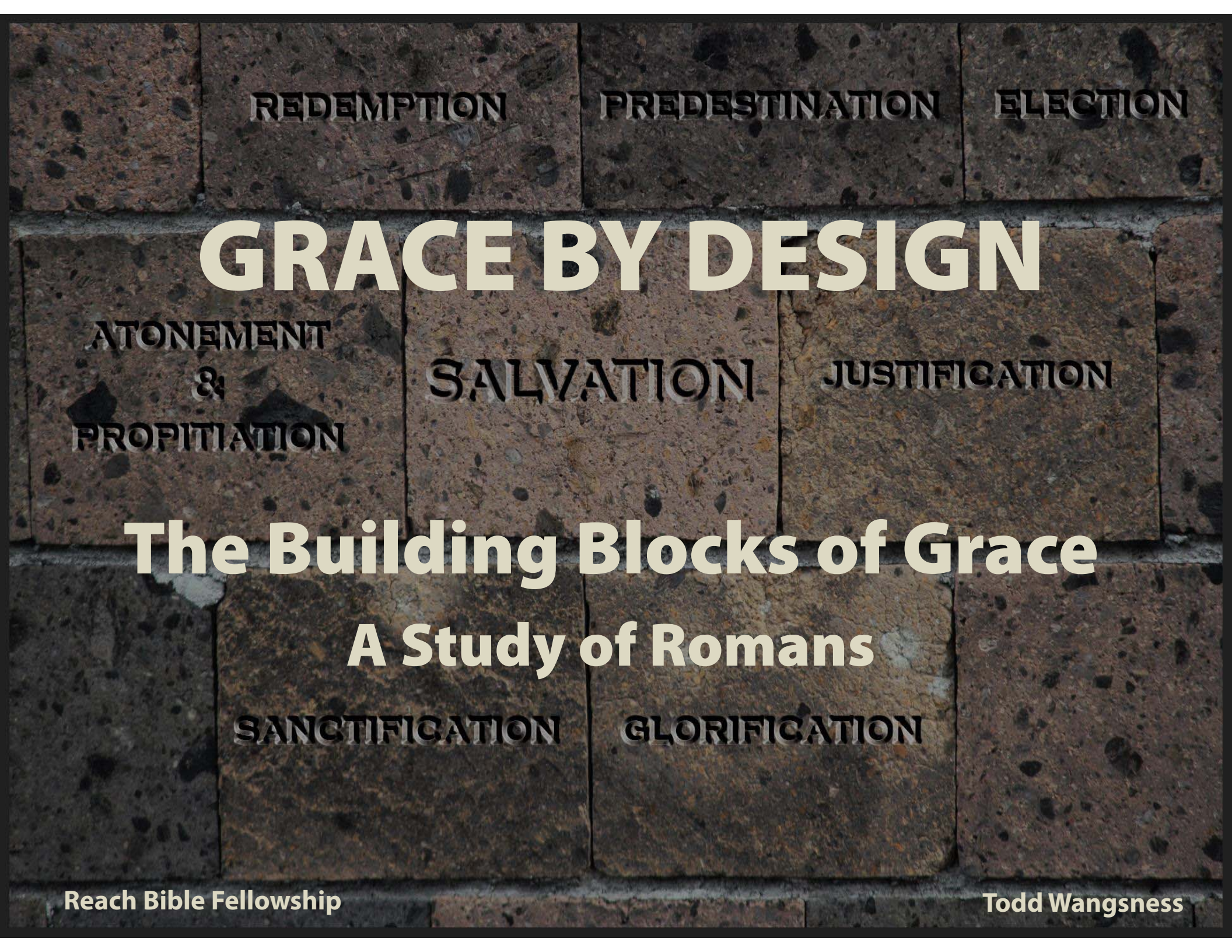

REDEMPTION
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A Study of Romans
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Grace By Design: Study Outline

Week 1:	**Romans**	**Overview of Grace and Salvation**
Week 2:	Rom 1:1 – 1:17	Introduction to Romans
Week 3:	Rom 1:18 – 2:16	Justification – Ignorance is not an Excuse
Week 4:	Rom 2:17 – 3:20	Justification – Knowledge isn't Good Enough
Week 5:	Rom. 3:21 – 3:24	Justification – Righteousness of God Revealed 1
Week 6:	Rom. 3:25 – 3:31	Justification – Righteousness of God Revealed 2
Week 7:	Rom. 4:1 – 4:25	Justification – Faith vs the Law
Week 8:	Rom. 5:1 – 5:11	Sanctification – Peace with God 1
Week 9:	Rom. 5:12 – 5:21	Sanctification – Peace with God 2
Week 10:	Rom. 6:1 – 6:14	Sanctification – The Christian's Struggle with Sin 1
Week 11:	Rom. 6:15 – 6:23	Sanctification – The Christian's Struggle with Sin 2
Week 12:	Rom. 7:1 – 7:25	Sanctification – The Law Can't Save (But the Spirit Can!)
Week 13:	Rom. 8:1 – 8:17	Sanctification – Life in the Spirit
Week 14:	Rom. 8:18 – 8:30	Glorification – From Suffering to Glory
Week 15:	Rom. 8:31 – 8:39	Glorification – God's Everlasting Love
Week 16:	Rom. 9:1 – 9:33	Israel's Rejection and God's Purpose
Week 17:	Rom. 10:1 – 10:13	Israel and the Mystery of the Church 1
Week 18:	Rom. 10:14 – 10:21	Israel and the Mystery of the Church 2
Week 19:	Rom. 11:1 – 11:36	The Salvation of the Jewish people
Week 20:	Rom. 12:1 – 12:2	Living the Transformed Life
Week 21:	Rom. 12:3– 12:8	Gifts of the Spirit
Week 22:	Rom. 12:9– 12:21	The Christian Walk
Week 23:	Rom. 13:1 – 13:14	Love Fulfills the Law
Week 24:	Rom. 14:1 – 14:21	Not Judging the Weak in Faith
Week 25:	Rom. 15:1 – 15:25	Bearing One Another's Burdens
Week 26:	Rom. 16:1 – 16:25	Conclusion and closing remarks

Grace By Design: Overview of Grace and Salvation

The "Grace By Design" study focuses upon the Salvation aspect of God's grace.

Theme Scripture of Romans:

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

- **"Power" (dynamis): God's dynamite for the power of salvation!**
- **"Righteousness of God" is a phrase that occurs over and over in Romans**

Our study based on the book by Francis Schaeffer, *"The Finished Work of Christ"*

Video clip from "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" where Aslan is slain

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Notable quotes:

"The epistle to the Romans is the true masterpiece of the New Testament and the very purest gospel, which is well worth and deserving that a Christian man should not only learn it by heart, word for word, but also that he should daily deal with it as the daily bread of men's souls. It can never be too much or too well read or studied, and the more it is handled the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes" – Martin Luther

"When anyone understands this Epistle, he has a passage opened to him to the understanding of the whole Scripture." – John Calvin

"All roads in the Bible lead to Romans, and all views afforded by the Bible are seen most clearly from Romans, and when the message of Romans gets into a person's heart there is no telling what may happen." – John Packer

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- **From the Believer's perspective, Salvation occurs through the process of *Justification*, *Sanctification*, and *Glorification*; all based on the substitutionary death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ.**
- **God individually foreknew and appointed us to Salvation from the foundation of the world through *predestination* and *election*.**
- **Jesus enables our Salvation through His work of *Atonement*, *Propitiation*, *Redemption*, and *Reconciliation*.**



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Why are we studying Romans?

- Romans penned by Paul 55-57 AD
- Paul was a preeminent Pharisee – and a gifted lawyer
  - Persecuted Christians until his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus
  - Appointed by God to be the apostle to the Gentiles
  - Apparently spent three years alone with Jesus receiving one-on-one training and revelation (Ref Gal 1:11–18)
  - Beheaded by Nero in 67 AD
- Destruction of Jerusalem and the temple occurred in 70 AD
- Book of Romans previously used by Harvard, Princeton and Yale law schools to teach how to present arguments in court
- Romans presents the complete Gospel like no other book in the bible

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The Attributes of God (partial list)

• **Holiness:**	**God is Righteous (Just)**	**Exo 15:11, Rev 4:8**
• **Merciful:**	**God is Love**	**Isa 63:7, 1Joh 4:8**
• **Omnipotent:**	**God is All-Powerful**	**Job 42:2, Rev 19:1**
• **Omniscient:**	**God is All-Knowing**	**Psa 147:5, 1Joh 3:20**
• **Omnipresent:**	**God is Ever-Present**	**Jer 23:24, Psa 139:7-10**
• **Omnitemporal:**	**God Inhabits Eternity**	**Psa 90:2, Isa 57:15**
• **Immutable:**	**God is Unchanging**	**Mal 3:6, Jam 1:17**
• **Sovereign:**	**God is Sovereign**	**Isa 46:10-11, 1Cor 8:6**

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God's Dilemma

Two attributes of His Character were in conflict

- **His Righteousness (Holiness) demanded that any/all sin needed to be paid in full by the death of the sinner**
- **His Love (Mercy) demanded that He show mercy to the only part of His Creation that was created in His Image**

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What God Cannot Do

- **There is one thing that God cannot do. He cannot violate His nature.**
  - **He cannot 'overlook' sin and be true to His nature of Holiness**

- **Sin (Grk '*hamartia*') is anything that 'misses the mark' of the absolute Holiness and Righteousness of God.**

- **Any action/thought/deed that violates the Holiness of God results in sin against an infinite God and – consequently – merits an infinite punishment.**

- **In one sense, God has never 'forgiven' a single sin…ALL sin MUST receive a just punishment (eternal separation from God).**
  - **The punishment for our sins has been paid by Jesus on our behalf!**

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What is the Gospel?

- *I Cor 15:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you … that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures*

- *Col 1:27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.*

Why do we need the Gospel?

- *Rom 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*

- *Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

- **The Scarlet thread of the Gospel from Genesis to Revelation**
  - **Gen 3:15, Gen 12:2-3, Isa 53, Psa 22, Rev 13:8**

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What are we saved from?

- **We are saved from God's wrath due to judgment upon sin**

- **Our sin has separated us from God – and the consequence of sin is death (eternal separation from God)**
  - ***John 3:36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him. (Jesus' own words)***
  - ***1 Thes 5:9 For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,***
  - ***Rom 5:9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.***

- **Unless we repent and accept His free gift of salvation, we remain under his wrath (Acts 2:38)**

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What are we saved to?

- **Jesus equates being saved with entering the kingdom of God.**
  - ***Mat 19:24-25 "And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." When His disciples heard it, they were greatly astonished, saying, "Who then can be saved?"***

Who saves us?

- **God the Father saves us through faith in Jesus Christ and His substitutionary atonement on our behalf, by the power and indwelling of the Holy Spirit.**
  - ***Eph 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,***

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When are we saved?

- **We are saved in four distinct chronological senses:**
  - **<u>Past</u>: We were predestined individually by God; from the foundation of the world. God foreknew us and appointed us unto salvation (*predestination*). [Ref. Rom 8:29-30]**
  - **<u>Point of conversion</u>: At the moment each of us accept God's gift of salvation, He views as us perfect/complete in Christ through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit (*justification*). [Ref. Rom 5:18]**
  - **<u>Present</u>: From the moment we are 'born from above', the indwelling Holy Spirit provides continuous salvation from the power of sin, working in/through us to bring us to perfection (*sanctification*). [Ref. Rom 6:11-14]**
  - **<u>Future</u>: At a specific moment in the future, we will be glorified and given new spiritual, immortal bodies and ushered into His eternal kingdom (*glorification*). [Ref. Rom 8:30, 2 Cor 4:17-18]**

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What can we do to 'qualify' for salvation?

- **Absolutely NOTHING!!! We are utterly destitute and powerless to merit ANY favor from God in and of ourselves.**

- **Our salvation depends completely and entirely upon God's saving grace provided through Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. The only thing we can do is repent and accept the free gift!**
  - ***Tit 3:4-7 But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared. not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.***

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How are we saved?

- ***Rom 10:9-10 If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.***

- **Jesus did not come back to "make bad men good" or "good men better"! He came back to resurrect the [spiritually] dead to life!**

- **We are to now live an "exchanged life", not merely a "changed life".**

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- **We have power over sin through the Grace of God**

  Col 1:11-14

  Strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks unto the Father who has qualified us to be partakers in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

  He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

- **God is the one who does everything!**

- **Once we repent and accept Jesus as our Savior, He delivers us and translates us into His kingdom!**

- **Our only response is to thank Him for what He has already done once we accept His free gift of Salvation!**