



WEST COAST BAPTIST COLLEGE

Training Laborers for His Harvest

BI 212—Romans ***Online Syllabus***

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I. Course Description

1. This class will give the student an in-depth look at one of the greatest New Testament epistles written. It is doctrinal, yet very practical. The epistle, the gospel according to Paul, has been the companion for many great Christians throughout history.
2. This course will be an expository study of both the book, as well as its applications to the doctrines of the Christian life. Students will be given a general outline of the important doctrinal passages that will be discussed.

II. Course Objectives

1. To equip each student with a knowledge of the doctrines contained here. Romans has both doctrinal and practical aspects – both need to be mastered. If this book is approached with the correct attitude, it can be life-changing.
2. To see each student successfully pass a comprehensive examination at the end of this class. It is my desire to see you excel in the truths of this book.
3. To train future leaders of the church who can express what they believe about the Church, Israel, and the relationship that each have to the other. A misinterpretation here will lead to a Covenantal Theology approach to Scriptures. Infants will have to be baptized as the Old testament infants were circumcised. The church and Israel will be inseparable. The Fall of Adam will ultimately become God's decree, etc. We must **rightly** divide the Word of Truth.
4. To drill each student with this thought: The whole world is guilty before God, regardless of whether they have heard the Gospel. The question should not be, "What about those who have never heard?" Instead, we must each personally ask, "Why have I not told them?"
5. To show each student that the chapters of this book are interdependent upon each other and must be interpreted contextually. To isolate a chapter (for any other purpose) is to do the book an injustice. The greatest injustice



is the hijacking of chapters 9-11 to prove Calvinism. We will see in context, that these chapters deal with the *nation* of Israel, and not the *individual* Israeli.

6. To show that this book is doctrinal and practical. We should endeavor to live this book. There are some truths that MUST become personally real to you.

III. Course Requirements

1. Keep a notebook of class notes, charts, handouts, and anything else handed. *Please include the syllabus.* The notes are REQUIRED typed. I will not accept them any other way. This notebook is due before the final can be taken. You can email them to me at mike.lester@lancasterbaptist.org
2. Be ready for an online test after every 2 lectures.
3. Read through the book of Romans 15 time by the final exam. **VERY IMPORTANT: IF YOU DONOT COMPLETE THIS REQUIRED READING BY THE FINAL, YOU WILL NOT PASS THIS CLASS.**
4. Develop *at least* a 13-week Sunday school curriculum from this book. These would be designed with the idea that someone else would be using it. These should be typed and in a nice folder or emailed to me. Here are some suggestions.
 - i. Give your series a “name.”
 - ii. Each lesson should relate to the big picture of the overall theme.
 - iii. Each lesson should have a memory verse.
 - iv. Each lesson should have a lesson aim or purpose.
 - v. Each lesson should have an outline that is easy to follow.
 - vi. Each lesson should include illustrations to underscore the thought.
 - vii. If you have more questions, email me and I will give you a sample lesson.
5. In addition to the reading go of the Bible, and text book, and taking notes, we will also be memorizing key verses from this book. These verses will be seen on quizzes, tests, and exams. There may also be verses required on the final that will test your reading comprehension.
 - i. Romans 3:10
 - ii. Romans 3:19
 - iii. Romans 4:3-5
 - iv. Romans 5:8
 - v. Romans 6:6,7
 - vi. Romans 6:13
 - vii. Romans 10:4
 - viii. Romans 12:1
 - ix. Romans 13:14



6. Read through the assigned textbook, *Exploring Romans* by John Phillips, You will be tested over this book during the course of the class. Additionally, you will need to include IN YOUR NOTEBOOK five principles from each chapter that you learned or noticed during your reading of this textbook.

DISCLAIMER FOR ONLINE CLASSES: If you are taking this class via the online method, understand that “all dates” to be interpreted as “after the last lecture, mailed in prior to your proctored final.” This means that you will mail to me your typed notes as well as your 13-week SS Curriculum **before** we can send you the proctored test. (I will also accept these assignments as an email attachment in an effort to expedite time and save postage.) Any questions, email me at mike.lester@lanasterbaptist.org

