

A Biblical Theology of Romans

A Kenwood Hall Anchor Class
Spring 2024



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Welcome to Kenwood Hall, a ministry of the Kenwood Institute. This twelve-week Anchor Class is a literary and theological survey of the book of Romans including an examination of critical, historical, hermeneutical, and theological issues.

Class Schedule

We will meet at Kenwood Baptist Church on Wednesdays from 5:30–6:20 p.m. from January 31 through April 24. We will *not* meet on April 3 for Spring Break.

Class Objectives

Over the course of the next twelve weeks, you will:

1. Gain strong familiarity with the content of Romans.
2. Interpret a passage from the book of Romans in a short writing assignment.
3. Explain Paul's use of the Old Testament in Romans including how his interpretation of OT texts shapes his presentation of gospel truth.

Required Texts

An English translation of the Bible such as ESV, NASB, CSB, NIV, etc.

**Dr. Hamilton recommends either the ESV Study Bible or the NASB Grace & Truth Study Bible.

Naselli, Andrew David. *Romans: A Concise Guide to the Greatest Letter Ever Written*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2022. **Provided by the Kenwood Institute

Recommended Texts for Further Reading

According to your interest and availability, the following works would greatly enrich your study of Romans.

Hamilton, James M. Jr. *What is Biblical Theology? A Guide to the Bible's Story, Symbolism, and Patterns*. Wheaton: Crossway, 2014.

Köstenberger, Andreas J., et. al. *The Cradle, the Cross, and the Crown: An Introduction to the New Testament*. Second edition. Nashville: B&H Academic, 2016.

Moo, Douglas J., et. al., eds. *Paul's Letter to the Romans: Theological Essays*. Peabody: Hendrickson Academic, 2023.

Peterson, David G. *Romans*. Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary. Bellingham: Lexham, 2021.

Rosner, Brian S. *Paul and the Law: Keeping the Commandments of God*. New Studies in Biblical Theology 31. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2013.

Schreiner, Thomas R. *Romans*. Second edition. Baker Exegetical Commentary on the New Testament. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic, 2018.

Seifrid, Mark A. *Christ, Our Righteousness: Paul's Theology of Justification*. New Studies in Biblical Theology 9. Downers Grove: InterVarsity, 2000.



Class Requirements

1. Bible Reading

You are required to read the entirety of the book of Romans through the duration of the course. There will be assigned passages to read each week *before* you come to class. You will get the most out of the class if you read, meditate upon, and think deeply about these assigned passages several times during the week prior to class. So, for instance, come to Week 1 having read Romans 1:1-7.

If you have learned Greek, strive to read the text of Romans in Greek once during the class.

2. Secondary Literature Reading

The Bible is the primary source for the class, but many brilliant scholars have written volumes of interpretive and theological works that can help us to better understand the biblical text. These extrabiblical works are called “secondary” literature.

You are required to read the entirety of Andy Naselli’s short book entitled *Romans: A Concise Guide to the Greatest Letter Ever Written* through the duration of the course. The book will be provided by the Kenwood Institute. We recommend that you read the portions of the book pertaining to the week’s passage from Romans in addition to the biblical text *prior* to each class.

3. Writing Assignment

You are required to complete a writing assignment in which you will interpret a passage from the book of Romans. The purpose of the assignment is to apply the content of the class in an active way. You may choose one of the following passages to interpret:

Romans 3:21-26

Romans 7:18-25

Romans 9:30-10:4

Refer to the “Writing Assignment Instructions” document for more information about this assignment. You may type or hand-write this assignment and there are no official formatting requirements. This assignment will be due at the last meeting of the class on **Wednesday, April 24**.



Instructor Contact Information

If you have any questions or issues during the class please reach out to the instructors.

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Class Schedule

Date	Text & Topics
1/31	Introduction, Background, and Canonical Issues Romans 1:1-7
2/7	Romans 1:8-3:20
2/14	Romans 3:21-4:25
2/21	Romans 5:1-6:14
2/28	Romans 6:15-7:25
3/6	Romans 8:1-39
3/13	Romans 9:1-29
3/20	Romans 9:30-10:21
3/27	Romans 11:1-36
4/3	**NO CLASS**
4/10	Romans 12:1-13:14
4/17	Romans 14:1-15:33
4/24	Romans in the NT Romans 16:1-27 **Writing Assignment Due**