
TAKING THE **WHOLE WORD** TO THE **WHOLE WORLD**

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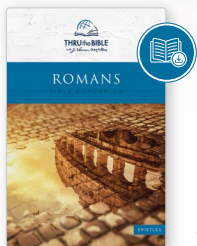


WHERE THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD



WHAT MAKES SALVATION SO GREAT

Dr. J. Vernon McGee



This article is an excerpt from our **Romans Bible Companion**. Download the full digital booklet [here](#).

You are about to spend time in one of the most important books of the Bible. For millions in every generation, God uses this book of Romans to change thinking, deepen faith, and comfort hearts. Before you dive in, ask Him to quiet your heart and awaken your mind to the greatest subject of the ages: His great salvation.

Every Christian should make every effort to know Romans, for this book will ground your faith. It contains God's great gospel manifesto, but we must begin by seeing mankind on our own as ruined creatures without God, helpless, and hopelessly lost. The only remedy for our sin is the perfect remedy God provides in Jesus Christ for a lost humanity.

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."

— ROMANS 1:16, 17 —

This is the great message of Romans: God takes lost sinners—like us—and He brings us into the family of God and makes us His children. He does it not because we deserve it, but because Christ died on the cross.

The gospel of Christ, the apostle Paul says, is the power of God to save everyone who believes. You can't work for or buy this righteousness from God; you only can accept it by faith. Justification by faith means not only the subtraction of sin but the addition of righteousness—all so you might stand before God complete in Christ. God saves on no other ground than that you trust Jesus.

God uses many ways to communicate with us in His Word. First, He gave history, poetry, prophecy, and the Gospels, and now we come to a new section: The Epistles. The Lord speaks to us in each one of these wonderful letters whose primary purpose was to carry the gospel along Roman roads to the world.

This message is God’s good news. Man didn’t create it; it existed way before us. God promised it all through the Old Testament. The message is this: God loves mankind and has made a way to save mankind. The gospel is “concerning” Jesus Christ and what He has done. “Concerning” is the Greek preposition *peri*—used also in “*periscope*” and “*perimeter*”—and means “that which encircles.” Draw a wide circle around Jesus, and the gospel is what goes inside.

We are introduced to Jesus here by His full title: He is the Son of God, and He is Jesus Christ our Lord. In His humanity, Jesus is the seed of David. He is virgin-born because He is the Son of God with power. He is the risen One—when Jesus rose from the dead, it proved everything. The Resurrection didn’t make Him the Son of God, it simply revealed that He was. He is perfect humanity and perfect deity—not any more man because He is God, and not any less God because He is man. He is God-man.

Grace to you and peace

FROM GOD OUR FATHER AND THE

Lord Jesus Christ.

ROMANS 1:7b

Jesus’ resurrection insures He will someday return to this earth as the Judge and as the King of kings and Lord of lords. He will put down sin, and He will reign on this earth in righteousness.

As Paul and the other apostles crisscrossed the colossal empire sharing the gospel, hundreds of thousands of people came to faith in Jesus Christ, believing God loved the world so much that He gave His Son to die that whoever believed on Jesus Christ will not perish, but have eternal life (see John 3:16).

Like he did in every letter, Paul begins the book by wishing us, God’s grace and peace (Romans 1:7b)—grace (*charis*), the Gentile’s greeting, and peace (*shalom*), the Jewish greeting. Paul extends his double blessing on everyone who will read this and then begins to teach.

MY TURN

THESE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS ARE FROM
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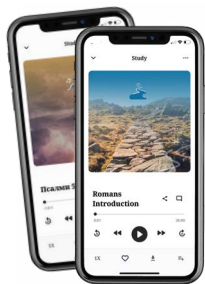
- ① **We are sinners who need God’s righteousness**—how does He give it to us?
- ② **Romans teaches us that the gospel is both an act and a process.** What does that mean?
- ③ **Explain what it means to be saved by Jesus.** Careful not to use “Christian” talk, but instead, pretend you’re talking to someone new to the Bible, new to faith.
- ④ **Why is Jesus’ resurrection so important to what we believe?**
- ⑤ **The Apostle Paul took the gospel around the world.** Where are you taking the gospel? Who do you wish knew about Jesus’ offer of salvation?

A NEW WAY TO PRAY FOR THE REFUGEE CRISIS IN THE UKRAINE

This year we've watched the escalating crisis in Ukraine on the news and we've prayed, we've rallied, we've cried at the images, and we've cheered the courage and faithfulness of those who stand for God, no matter which side they're on. Most of all, we've wanted to do something to help the people in crisis but didn't know how. Now, thanks to some unusual information, we have a prayer path forward.

THRU the BIBLE has aired on the radio in Ukraine since 1992. We have faithful brothers and sisters on the Bible Bus there and also in Russia (on the air since 1976). **During this crisis, we've heard stories from our partners on the ground of how workers have risked their lives and slept in the studios in order to make sure God's Word continued to go out on the radio for as long as possible** (and the radio towers stood).

In this crisis, we've learned how God is making a way for His people to carry His Word and THRU the BIBLE with them as they ran for safety, exiting their home country as refugees of war. This news is coming from a quiet and growing source—one that you might find this moment have in your pocket.



Question: Have you downloaded THRU the BIBLE's new app yet?

Today, we're taking this same app you have in English and making it available in other languages. When the crisis hit in eastern Europe this year, we escalated the release of the Ukrainian-TTB app. And it has told a great story of its own. This is what we're learning based on the metrics of where people are when they are listening:

Even while their cities are being attacked, people are on the Bible Bus in Ukraine.

The largest percentage of listeners (54%) are still in country, with the majority in Kiev, the focal point of the conflict. In addition, many are listening to THRU the BIBLE in Lviv, the refugee hub for those hoping to escape westward and in Dnipro, which is a military target. *[Note: Even today as this is being written, rocket attacks are being reported in Dnipro.]*

As Ukrainians leave their country, they carry their THRU the BIBLE app with them on their phones.

With limited flights out of the country, refugees are traveling to neighboring countries in Europe by car, bus, train, or on foot. More than 30% of those listening on THRU the BIBLE's app are in Croatia. But the Ukrainian language app is also being listened to in Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Moldova, Romania, Slovakia, Hungary, and Belarus. Ukrainian listeners are also as far away as Guam, the United States, and Canada.

The Russian-TTB app has also seen a large increase in downloads and listens.

Our tech ministry partner comments, "God's Word transcends even the most stark political contrasts of this war."

Helpful data also tells us that Ukrainian listeners are tuning in faithfully, daily, and listening to the full study. **Even in, or perhaps especially in, dangerous situations, God's Word remains our refuge.**

HERE'S HOW TO PRAY:

Pray the Ukrainian refugees who are now living outside their country are comforted, encouraged, and strengthened by God's Word and THRU the BIBLE studies on the new app.

Pray for the many human, technical, and political hurdles to be overcome in releasing the apps in various languages. We have a path forward, but it needs prayer support to pave the way.

Pray for the many human connections to work together to see God's Word go far and wide—even, or especially, in this refugee crisis. This begins with you, praying for these efforts, and includes on the ground radio partners and technical partners all working to combine radio efforts with digital efforts to get God's Word to anyone who will listen.

Pray for THRU the BIBLE to be wise with the many new ways we're telling you about to distribute Dr. McGee's studies in keeping with our mission with you to take the whole Word to the whole world.



ASKING GOD TO GUARD AND GUIDE SOMALI BELIEVERS

“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?” -Jeremiah 32:27

For more than 25 years, Somalia has been a safe haven for Islamic militants who relentlessly target Christians. The small number who do come to faith are considered high-value targets of terrorist groups and also are intensely pressured by family to reject Jesus. The result? Most live in carefully guarded secrecy.

In the middle of this spiritual battlefield, THRU the BIBLE is committed to getting God’s Word out each day—and it’s working. As one listener tells us:

“I left Islam for Jesus. I listen to your programs and find peace. You are my only interaction with Christians. As I have studied with you, I was surprised and delighted to find our story ends in victory. That alone is worth the price I will pay when I tell my family about my new faith. Please pray for me.”

Thank God that nothing is too hard for Him, including the guarding and guiding of Somali believers who cling to Him as the storms of persecution rage around them.

Pray today for all those who follow Him despite the cost.

This is an example of the email our World Prayer Team receives every weekday. Together, we travel the world on our knees, interceding for one country at a time. Join us in covering the entire earth with prayer every year.

GO TO **TTB.ORG/PRAY** TO SIGN UP.

What's Happening at **THRU the BIBLE**

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A WORD FROM GREGG HARRIS

Hey, Look at These!

Recently THRU the BIBLE was given a gift—thousands of photographic slides taken by Dr. McGee in the 1970's. The slides are from missions trips, international trips to meet with radio producers, and road trips he and Mrs. McGee took around America. Word has it that everywhere he went, Dr. McGee had a camera around his neck—and we have the slides to prove it.

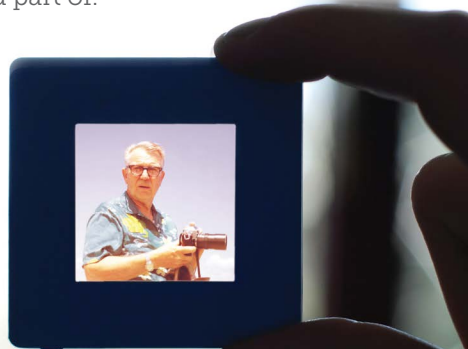
One carousel of slides captured all the early operations of THRU the BIBLE. He took pictures of people opening mail, working with reel to reel tape, crating up programs to ship to stations. He shot happy people chatting in the parking lot, leaning on vintage cars.

The whole delightful trip down memory lane reminded me of the instruction Paul gave to Timothy: "And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2). When Paul wrote this letter, two generations had passed since Jesus walked among them. Paul said in essence, *Keep it going. Keep the gospel moving to the ends of the earth just as Jesus instructed.*

Dr. McGee stepped into God's presence December 1, 1988—34 years ago next month. Because of partners like you, today we're still taking his teaching and the Word of God to the whole world—farther and deeper than ever. We've been entrusted with this treasure—and we're going to keep it moving to the ends of the earth from our generation to the next. That's the mission you're a part of.

Thanks for your partnership in this grand work of God,

Gregg Harris
THRU the BIBLE, President



WHY STUDY ROMANS?

Join in the studies on THRU the BIBLE NOVEMBER 15—JANUARY 10 or anytime online, by podcast, or by mobile app.

The Gospel—the good news that God is for us and with us and is for everyone. That's why we should study the book of Romans.

"Let me urge you to do something that will pay you amazing dividends: Read the book of Romans regularly. It will require all the mental make-up we have, and it must be bathed in prayer so that the Holy Spirit can teach us. Yet every Christian should make an effort to know Romans, for this book will ground our lives in the faith." —Dr. J. Vernon McGee

KEY VERSE

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes —Romans 1:16

BIG QUESTIONS ANSWERED IN ROMANS

- How come I keep sinning, even when I don't want to?
- How does the Holy Spirit help me live a life that pleases God?
- You mean my behavior is not what is most important to God?
- What does it mean to "live by faith"?
- What makes grace so amazing?

WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD FROM ROMANS:

- 1 We have the **Holy Spirit**.
- 2 Sin separates us from God, but **Jesus reconciles us**.
- 3 God reveals who He is by both **faith and reason**.

VERSES FROM ROMANS TO UNDERLINE IN YOUR BIBLE:

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ON THE ROAD

Greetings

FROM THE BIBLE BUS

ON THE BIBLE BUS IN CANADA



“God is answering prayers in Montreal. *Thru the Bible* is on two radio stations. I continue to pray the streets of Montreal will be flooded and saturated with the gospel in French and English. **God has blessed me with a good job, He has taught me ... the best investment I can make is to further the gospel on radio and to help get the gospel in as many languages as possible.**”

– From **Roman** | *St. Leonard, Quebec*

“I am one of God’s prodigal pigs, being saved in my late teens but slowly diverting back into the world. That’s where I stayed for 40 years! **But God’s Holy Hound of Heaven never stopped nipping at my heels. I finally crawled back to His grace about 5 years ago. Glory to the Lord.** I’ve been listening to Dr. McGee for three years on AM 930 Radio—the Light. What a blessing you have all been.”

–From **Faye** | *Edmonton, Alberta*

“**At 94 years of age, I am still listening to *Thru the Bible* every morning and still learning as I go!** I’m with you in getting the gospel out to people around the world.”

–From **Ruth** | *Mississauga, Ontario*

“My mother, Anna, was an avid listener of your radio program. **She suffered the last ten years of her life with Alzheimer’s disease; even so, she listened to *Thru the Bible* two or three times every day** on the radio or the internet. For some reason, Mom understood Dr. McGee but couldn’t understand most everyone else. **It was such a blessing for her.**”

–From **Cheri Ann** | *LaSalle, Ontario*



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