

The Prattmont Church of Christ is just what the name suggests, a church that belongs to Christ. We are not a denomination; we are simply a group of Christians trying very hard to practice the teachings of our Head, Jesus Christ. The New Testament offers a complete pattern for what each local church should be like—its organization, its worship, its work, etc. We are committed to following that pattern. We cordially invite you to attend our services. We would also welcome any comments or questions about this bulletin.

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday
 Bible Study.....9:00 A.M.
 Worship.....10:00 A.M.
 Training Class.....5:00 P.M.
 Worship.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:
 Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.



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Paul's Letter to the Romans

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Note from editor: This is a summary, or condensed version of Romans. It's a challenging book, but maybe this will help us to at least see the main points (and prepare us for deeper study).

(1:1-7) Paul, an apostle who preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ, to God's holy ones in Rome.

(1:8-17) I hope to be with you soon and preach the gospel in person to you. I am not at all ashamed of this gospel, for it is God's power to save all who believe. It shows men how to become right in the sight of God.

(1:18-3:20) And all men certainly need this salvation or righteousness, for everyone has sinned. The Gentiles have allowed themselves to become so corrupted that God has given them up to all manner of wickedness. The Jews want to think that they are better than the Gentiles, but even their own law convicts them of sin.

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(3:21-31) Yes, all have sinned, but by the free grace of God everyone who trusts in Jesus can be made righteous, for Jesus died as the propitiation for the sins of everyone.

(ch. 4) I urge everyone to realize that Abraham was an imperfect man, yet he put his faith in God, not himself, and was acknowledged as righteous. We too, both Jew and Gentile, can be righteous if we will live with the same kind of faith that believes God can give life to the dead.

(ch. 5) When we put our trust in Jesus we can be made right and have hope, especially since we see that the grace of God manifested in Jesus is greater than the sin Adam brought into the world.

(ch. 6) But don't for a moment think that grace gives license to sin. We who were baptized into Christ have broken free

from the bondage of sin which was killing us, and we are now the servants of righteous living which produces holiness now and eternal life in the future.

(chs. 7-8) I think back to the time I was striving to the best of my ability to please God under the law and realize how often I felt guilt, but I am now dead to that law and married to Christ, and in Him I have escaped condemnation. O, how blessed it is to be freed from condemnation in Christ and to know that with God on our side we can win a complete victory.



(chs. 9-11) But you may be wondering why God's chosen people have been lost. I say to you that God has always made choices and in Jesus Christ He has chosen to save the believer, and, unfortunately, most in Israel have sought to be righteous by the law instead of by faith, and so they remain lost. Yet the simple righteousness of faith is available if they would just listen to the preaching of the word and allow it to produce saving faith in them. And in fact, some have proven themselves to be true Israelites and constitute a faithful remnant. Yes, at this time the majority of the Israelites remain lost, but by God's grace they will be accepted again if they put aside their unbelief and trust in the Redeemer.

(chs. 12-13) Having thought on the abundant mercies of God, I charge you to be holy, loving, spiritual, forgiving, merciful, etc. I also urge you to be obedient to the earthly rulers. They are charged by God with punishing evildoers, so pay your taxes and obey their laws. Be certain to love your neighbor as yourself. Never forget that those who belong to Christ are not to live according to their fleshly desires.

(14:1-15:13) I know there are some differences among you, but I urge you to resolve these with an awareness that God is the ultimate judge and we are to live in such a way as to be a help and not a hindrance to each other.

(15:14-33) Please pray for me as I carry a generous contribution to the needy saints at Jerusalem. After that I hope to see you and then go on to Spain.

(ch. 16) Welcome Phoebe as she arrives in Rome and give greetings to my friends. Avoid evil and be confident of victory. Praise God!