

THEOLOGY OF ROMANS

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Five Zoom meeting: April 9 & 23, May 7 & 21, June 4 at 8-9:30 am (HKT)

Key Course in the Spiritual Life Concentration

Theology of Romans course will give the student an easy to understand approach to Romans and a unique outline of the Book. Further, the student will have a clear picture of the relationship of Law and Grace. But best of all, the student will learn how to experience the life of the Trinity.

The spiritual goals of Theology of Romans:

- 1) Setting the heart free from the overwhelming feeling that we are guilty, worthless, and spiritually orphaned.
- 2) Setting the heart free to enjoy our relationship as real adult sons and daughters in God's family (not based on performance and lasting forever).
- 3) Setting the heart free to experience genuine and lasting motivation to live the Christian life and to reach out compassionately to others.

The academic goals of the Theology of Romans:

- 1) To be able to think through and understand the contents of Romans
 - a. To understand the eight chapters of Romans that deal with the Old Testament and Israel
 - b. To understand the eight chapters dealing with Christian spirituality and the culture and community of the Church
- 2) To understand and appreciate Paul's abandonment of the Old Testament Law
 - a. We will understand the unique relationship of Law and Grace in the Old Testament (this portion is a completely unique presentation of Grace in the Old Testament)
 - b. We will understand Paul's demand that we live life in the presence of the Trinity.
- 3) To learn and experience:
 - a. The Fatherhood of God
 - b. Our incredible Union with Christ
 - c. The gift of the Holy Spirit and his liberation of our emotional life so we can walk by the Spirit
- 4) To learn how Romans creates the foundation and process of the *Head to Heart* Discipleship Program
 - a. To place Romans within the context of the Spiritual Life Concentration
 - b. To show that any Christian teaching on spirituality must be dependent on Romans

Assignments

- 1) Create an original outline of Romans using a paragraphed Bible to give you the divisions of the book. Do not use any other sources than the contents of Romans. Give a short phrase to describe the contents of each paragraph. Combine all of those paragraphs into an outline of a chapter of the book, and then combine all of the chapters into an outline of the entire book. At the beginning of each chapter write three sentences describing the contents of the chapter.
- 2) Write a two page paper comparing Galatians 3:26-29 and Romans 6:1-6. How are they the same and how are they different? What is the point of the Galatians passage and what is the point of the Romans passage?
- 3) Write a ten page paper giving your personal response to the book Mastering the 7 Skills of Romans.
 - a. The first two pages should describe your personal reflections and thoughts on the entire course. That means how did the course content effect you emotionally and intellectually.
 - b. Four pages should describe your understanding of the 7 skills and how you are experiencing and practicing them.
 - c. The last four pages should describe your reaction to the theological understanding presented by the Mastering the 7 Skill Book and lectures. Where did you agree or disagree with the contents?
- 4) Write a three page paper on your response to chapters 9-11 of the Mastering the 7 Skills Book, and also Excursus III in the back of the Book.

All of the papers will be due four weeks after the course is finished. Please email copies to Franco and Dr. David Eckman.

P.S.

MA and post graduate students must complete the assignment 1-4.

AA and Certificate students must complete the assignment 1-3.

羅馬書神學

從內疚、無價值和羞愧中得釋放

恩典聖經神學院靈命造就核心課程
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羅馬書神學課程給與學生一個簡易的方式去明白羅馬書和此書獨特的大綱。再者，學生將獲得一幅對於律法與恩典之間的關係的清晰圖像。而最好的是學生將學習到如何去經驗三一神的生命。

羅馬書神學的屬靈目標：

1. 從內疚、無價值和靈裡孤單的壓抑中釋放你的心。
2. 釋放你的心，使你能享受在神家中真正成長了的兒女彼此的關係（不是基於表現，並且持續永恆）。
3. 釋放你的心，使你能經驗真實及持久的激勵去活出基督徒的生命，且能帶著慈悲憐憫去接觸他人。

羅馬書神學的學習目標：

1. 能夠透徹明白羅馬書的內容
 - a. 明白羅馬書八章書中有關舊約和以色列民
 - b. 明白羅馬書八章書中有關基督徒靈性及教會群體和文化
2. 能明白及欣賞保羅在舊約律法中的豐富
 - a. 我們將會明白舊約中律法與恩典獨特的關係（這部份是舊約中完全獨特的恩典展現）。
 - b. 我們將會明白保羅的要求，是要我們活在三一神的同在裡。
3. 學習和經歷：
 - a. 神是父神
 - b. 我們與基督可可靠的聯合
 - c. 聖靈的恩賜和祂讓我們從情緒中得釋放，以致我們能隨聖靈而行
4. 學習羅馬書如何建立起「從腦到心」門訓課程的基礎和過程
 - a. 將羅馬書作為屬靈生命的焦點
 - b. 應按照羅馬書對基督徒屬靈的教導

作業：

- 1) 使用分段式聖經來為你提供本書的段落，自行列出羅馬書的大綱。除羅馬書本文外，不要使用其他的資源。試用短句來描述每段的內容，將各段合併成每章的大綱，然後合併各章成為全書的大綱。在每章的開始，試用三句撮要本章內容。
- 2) 試寫兩頁紙比較加拉太書 3:26-29 和羅馬書 6-1-6。他們之間有甚麼異同？加拉太書描述的要點是甚麼？羅馬書描述的要點是甚麼？
- 3) 試寫十頁紙描述你個人對本書「掌握羅馬書的 7 個技能」的回應。
 - a. 首兩頁應描寫你個人對本課程的反應及想法。意指本課程內容如何在你的情緒上及理智上影響你。
 - b. 用四頁寫你對 7 個技能的認識，你如何經歷與運用。
 - c. 最後四頁描述你對「掌握 7 個技能」中的神學理念的回應，有那些是你同意或不同意？
- 4) 試用三頁紙寫你對「掌握 7 個技能」第 9-11 章及附錄三的回應。

所有作業需於課堂後四星期內完成。請電郵給 Franco Lo 及 Dr. David Eckman。

附註：

(MA & Post graduate) 研究生同學需完成所有 (1-4 項) 作業。

(AA & Certificate) 副學士及證書同學需完成 1-3 項作業。