

Key Terms in the Book of Romans

Grace

God's unearned favor toward us—His initiative to save and transform.

- Romans 3:24; 5:2; 5:20–21
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Justification

God declaring a sinner righteous through faith in Christ. (just as if I didn't do it)

- Romans 3:24, 28; 5:1
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Righteousness

(Imputed Righteousness)

Right standing with God credited to us through faith.

- Romans 1:17; 3:21–22; 4:3–5
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Faith

Trust and dependence in God through Jesus Christ.

- Romans 1:17; 3:28; 10:9–10
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Gospel

The good news of salvation for humanity through the sacrificial work of Jesus Christ in the earth

- Romans 1:16; 1:1–4
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Salvation

Rescue from sin and its penalty into new life.

- Romans 1:16; 5:9–10; 10:13
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Sin

Rebellion against God; falling short of His standard.

- Romans 3:23; 5:12; 6:23
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Flesh

Human nature inclined toward sin apart from God.

- Romans 7:18; 8:5–8
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Law of Sin

The internal power driving disobedience.

- Romans 7:23; 7:25
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The Law (Law of God)

God's standard revealing His will and exposing sin.

- Romans 3:20; 7:12; 7:22
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Law of the Flesh

Living according to sinful desires.

- Romans 8:5–8
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Law of the Spirit

The Spirit's power bringing life and freedom.

- Romans 8:2
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Law of Love

Love fulfilling God's command.

- Romans 13:8–1

Law of Liberty (*conceptual connection*)

Freedom in Christ to live righteously.

- Romans 6:18; 8:2
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Circumcision

Outward sign pointing to inward transformation of the heart.

- Romans 2:28–29; 4:9–12
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Jew

God's covenant people entrusted with His law.

- Romans 2:17–18; 3:1–2
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Gentile

Non-Jews included in salvation through Christ.

- Romans 1:16; 2:14; 11:13
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Repentance

Turning from sin toward God.

- Romans 2:4; 10:9–10
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Sanctification

Growing in holiness through the Spirit.

- Romans 6:19, 22; 8:13
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Obedience of Faith

Faith expressed through obedient living.

- Romans 1:5; 16:26
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New Life

The transformed life in Christ.

- Romans 6:4; 6:11
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Redemption

Being set free from sin through Christ.

- Romans 3:24; 8:23
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Atonement / Propitiation

Christ satisfying God's justice through His sacrifice.

- Romans 3:25; 5:11
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Lordship

Jesus' authority over our lives.

- Romans 10:9; 14:9
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Spirit (Holy Spirit)

Third person of the Trinity at Work in the life believers empowering believers walk purposeful lives in Christ.

- Romans 8:9–11; 8:14
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Life in the Spirit

Living under the Spirit's guidance and power

- Romans 8:5
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