

# The Plan Explained

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Romans - Jude

## Lesson 24: The Plan Explained

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#### BIBLE

Book	Author	Date	Book	Author	Date	Book	Author	Date
Romans	Paul	AD 57	1 Thessalonians	Paul	AD 50–51	James	James,	AD 45–49
1 Corinthians	Paul	AD 55	2 Thessalonians	Paul	AD 51–52	1 Peter	Peter	AD 60–64
2 Corinthians	Paul	AD 56	1 Timothy	Paul	AD 62–64	2 Peter	Peter	AD 64–68
Galatians	Paul	AD 48–55	2 Timothy	Paul	AD 64–67	1 John	John	AD 85–95
Ephesians	Paul	AD 60–62	Titus	Paul	AD 63–65	2 John	John	AD 85–95
Philippians	Paul	AD 60–62	Philemon	Paul	AD 60–62	3 John	John	AD 85–95
Colossians	Paul	AD 60–62	Hebrews	Unknown	AD 60–70	Jude	Jude,	AD 65–80

#### SUMMARY

The letters from Romans to Jude reveal how God’s redemptive plan through Jesus transforms individuals, builds the Church, and prepares believers for eternal hope. They guide us from understanding salvation to living it out in community and enduring with faith until Christ returns.

#### NOTES

*The New Testament letters (or epistles) are written by apostles and early church leaders to individuals and communities of believers. They explain the meaning of Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, and guide Christians in how to live out their faith.*

#### **The Gospel Clarified: What Jesus Accomplished (Who is Jesus?)**

- Jesus’ death and resurrection bring forgiveness and reconciliation with God. - Romans 5:8–11
- Salvation is a gift of grace, received through faith - not earned by works. - Ephesians 2:8–9; Galatians 2:16
- All have sinned, but all can be justified through Christ. - Romans 3:23–24
- The cross reveals God’s justice and mercy working together. - Romans 3:25–26

#### **The New Identity: Who We Are in Christ (Who are we?)**

- Believers are adopted into God’s family and sealed with the Holy Spirit. - Romans 8:15–17; Ephesians 1:13–14
- We are new creations, called to live in holiness and love. - 2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 3:12–14
- Our old self is crucified; we now walk in newness of life. - Romans 6:4–6
- We are God’s workmanship, created for good works. - Ephesians 2:10
- Our identity is rooted in Christ, not in worldly status. - Galatians 3:26–28

#### **The Church Formed: How We Live Together (What is Church?)**

- The Church is one body with many members, each with a role. - 1 Corinthians 12:12–27
- Love, humility, and service are the marks of Christian community. - Philippians 2:1–4; James 2:14–17
- We are called to bear one another’s burdens and forgive freely. - Galatians 6:2; Colossians 3:13
- Leadership and spiritual gifts help the Church grow in maturity. - Ephesians 4:11–13
- The Church is the dwelling place of God’s Spirit. - Ephesians 2:19–22

#### **The Hope Sustained: How We Endure and Look Ahead (Where are we going?)**

- Trials test our faith but produce endurance and hope. - James 1:2–4; 1 Peter 1:6–7
- The Spirit strengthens us to remain faithful in suffering. - Romans 8:26–28
- We must guard against false teaching and stay rooted in truth. - 2 Peter 2:1–3; Jude 3–4
- Christ will return to judge and restore all things. - 2 Peter 3:10–13; 1 John 3:2–3

#### KEY POINTS

1. We are saved by the finished work of Jesus Christ alone, He is the the means by which we can have relationship with God
2. We are being transformed and called to live differently from the world in our new identity as children of God
3. The church is God’s chosen community to reveal the his Love to the world