NEW TESTAMENT SURVEY

Lesson 29 – Paul and the Romans (part 1)

Reading:

□ Rom. 1-8

A. Why did Paul write the letter to the Romans and what themes does he address?

B. Outline the entire book.

C. What is the "gospel of God" according to the first six verses of chapter 1?

D. Chapter 1:18-32 is a general description of Gentile culture. How is our modern society like it?

E. In contrast to sinful Gentile culture, Jews might boast about being God's "chosen people". But how is God impartial according to chapter 2:1 thru 3:8?

F. Paul charges all mankind of being guilty of sin in chapter 3:9-20 & 5:12-14. Some claim this is because of Adam & Eve's sin ("total inherited depravity"). How would you respond?

G. What is "justification"? How can sinful people be justified according to chapter 3:21-5:21?

H. In Romans 4, Paul cites the example of Abraham to show salvation is via belief and <u>not</u> works. In James 2:14-26, James cites the example of Abraham to show salvation is via belief <u>and</u> works. How do you reconcile this alleged contradiction?

I. Having been saved, how are we to view sin and to live according to chapters 6-8?

J. According to chapter 7:14-8:39, why will it not be easy to live this way? What encouragement does Paul provide?