

THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

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8/16 – Ps 105-106, Rom 15:1-20

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PSALMS

BIBLE BLURB (from @biblesummary)

Ps96: Sing to the LORD! Declare his glory among the nations. Worship the LORD in holy splendour. He will judge the world in righteousness.

Ps97: The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice! Fire goes before him. The heavens declare his righteousness. Give thanks to his holy name!

Ps98: Sing to the LORD! He has remembered his steadfast love. Make a joyful noise before the King. He will judge the world in righteousness.

Ps99: The LORD reigns, let the nations tremble! The King loves justice. He spoke from the pillar of cloud. The LORD our God is holy!

Ps100: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth! Know that the LORD is God. Enter his courts with praise. For his love endures forever.

Ps101: I will sing of justice, O LORD. I will walk with integrity. My eyes will be on the faithful of the land. I will destroy the wicked.

Ps102: Hear my prayer, O LORD; I wither away like grass. You sit enthroned forever. The heavens will perish, but your years have no end.

Ps103: Bless the LORD, O my soul. He forgives all your iniquity. He has compassion on those who fear him. Bless the LORD, all his works!

Ps104: O LORD, you are very great. You set the earth on its foundations. All your creatures look to you for food. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

Ps105: Give thanks to the LORD! He has remembered his covenant. He sent Moses to perform signs. He brought his people out of Egypt with joy.

Ps106: The LORD is good! We have sinned like our fathers. They forgot their God. They served idols. But the LORD remembered his covenant.

Ps107: Oh give thanks to the LORD! Let the redeemed say so. He brought them out of darkness. He stilled the storm. He raises up the needy.

Ps108: My heart is steadfast, O God. Your love is great above the heavens. God has spoken: "Judah is my sceptre." Help us against the enemy!

Ps109: Do not be silent, O God. For wicked mouths speak against me. May his name be blotted out! Let curses come upon him! Help me, O LORD.

Ps110: The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand. You are a priest in the order of Melchizedek." The Lord will judge the nations.

Ps111: Praise the Lord! Great are his works. He is ever mindful of his covenant. All his precepts are sure. His praise endures forever.

Ps112: Blessed are those who fear the LORD. Their righteousness endures forever. They are not afraid of evil tidings. The wicked melt away.

Ps113: Praise the LORD! Blessed be the name of the LORD forever. He is exalted over all the nations. He lifts the needy from the ash heap.

Ps114: When Israel came out of Egypt, Judah became God's sanctuary. The sea looked and fled. Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord.

Ps115: Not to us, O LORD, but to your name give glory. Idols have eyes, but they cannot see. O Israel, trust in the LORD. He will bless us.

Ps116: I love the LORD, for he heard my cry. When I was brought low, he saved me. What can I give for all his goodness? I will keep my vows.

Ps117: Praise the LORD! For great is his love towards us.

Ps118: Give thanks to the LORD; for his love endures forever! The nations surrounded me; I cut them off! The LORD has become my salvation.

ROMANS

OUTLINE

- I. Paul and His Message of Good News (1:1-17)
- II. Everyone is Guilty (1:18-3:20)
- III. God's Way of Accepting People (3:21-4:25)
- IV. A new Life for God's People (5:1-8:39)
- V. What About the People of Israel (9:1-11:36)
- VI. How to Live the New Life of Love (12:1-15:13)
- VII. Paul's Plans and Personal Greetings (15:14-16:27)

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Rom12: Present your bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are one body in Christ. Love one another as brothers. Overcome evil with good.

Rom13: Submit to authorities. Pay taxes to those due taxes. Owe nothing except love, which fulfils the law. Clothe yourselves with Christ.

Rom14: Accept those who are weak in faith. Everything is clean but it is wrong to cause anyone to stumble. Whatever is not of faith is sin.

Rom15: Each of us should build up our neighbours. Christ confirmed the promises given to the patriarchs. I hope to see you as I go to Spain.

Rom16: I commend to you Phoebe. Greet Prisca, Aquila, Andronicus, Junia and Rufus. Avoid those who cause divisions. Glory to God forever!

1 CORINTHIANS

Although this letter is called the First Letter to the Corinthians, it is not really the first one that Paul wrote to this church. We know this because he mentions in this letter that he had written one before. The Christians in Corinth had also written to him, and part of First Corinthians contains Paul's answers to questions they had asked.

Corinth is a large port city in southern Greece. Paul began his work there in a Jewish meeting place, but he had to move next door to the home of a Gentile who had become a follower of Jesus. Most of the followers in Corinth were poor people, though some of them were wealthy, and one was even the city treasurer. While he was in Corinth, Paul worked as a tentmaker to earn a living.

Paul was especially concerned about the way the Corinthian Christians were always arguing and dividing themselves into groups and about the way they treated one another. These are two of Paul's main concerns as he writes this letter. But he also wants to answer the questions they asked him about marriage and food offered to idols. Paul encourages them to worship God the right way and to be firm in their belief that God has given them victory over death.

Love, Paul tells them, is even more important than faith or hope. All of the problems in the church could be solved, if all the members would love one another, as Christians should.

OUTLINE

- I. Paul's Greeting and Prayer (1:1-9)
- II. A Call for Unity (1:10-4:21)
- III. Problems in Relationships (5:1-7:40)
- IV. Honoring God Instead of Idols (8:1-11:1)
- V. Guidance for Worship and Church Life (11:2-14:40)
- VI. Christ's Victory Over Death (15:1-58)
- VII. An Offering for the Poor (16:1-4)
- VIII. Paul's Travel Plans (16:5-12)
- IX. Personal Concerns and Greetings (16:13-24)

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1Cor1: Paul, to the church in Corinth. Let there be no divisions. The cross is folly to those perishing, but to us it is the power of God.

1Cor2: I knew nothing among you except Christ crucified. We speak the wisdom of God. Through the Spirit we know what God has freely given.

Getting to Know God Through His Book - 4 Questions - Ask...

Insight—what does the passage say? Paraphrase the main point(s) and the commands to follow, promises to claim, examples to follow (or avoid), etc.

Question—what don't I understand? Need to know more about? How does this passage make me feel?

Praise—what does this passage teach me about God? Turn what the passage says into praise for the Lord's goodness, power, holiness, wisdom, etc.

Apply—what is God saying to me from this passage? Confess how you have not followed it. Pray, asking God to help you obey. Get quiet and ask God to speak to you.

Journal—write out your prayers, thoughts, responses to God and His Word

HOW TO PRAY

Scripture is God speaking to us. Prayer is us speaking to and listening to God. Jesus gave us the model in the Lord's Prayer (Mt 6). Keep your relationship fresh with the Lord by both reading and praying - two way communication. Remember to look up like Jesus did when He prayed.

1. Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name – focus on God, adore, praise, thank Him – long to see His glory and honor.
2. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done – ask for what you know will please Him, pray back the Scripture – that is His will.
3. Give us this day our daily bread – ask for your needs and others to be met.
4. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us – ask for forgiveness, from God, and from others you may have hurt. Ask God to help you forgive and restore others too. Ask Him to get rid of bitterness and have love & compassion for those who have hurt you.
5. And lead us not into temptation – ask God to take over your day, protect you and others from evil.
6. For thine is the kingdom, power & glory – end by re-focusing on God, His kingdom, power, and glory!
7. Listen – ask God to speak to you by His Spirit – always test what you hear by His Word.
8. Pray the Blind Bartimaeus Prayer (Mark 10) – Tell God what you feel, what you want, and ask God what you should do to get what you want (if what you want is right).