



**BELONGING
+
BOLDNESS
IN THE GOSPEL**


ROMANS

Faith that is neither timid nor fractured rests only on the gospel of Jesus: God's work and purpose in this world.

KEY VERSE:

ROMANS 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.



WE START AND STAY WITH SCRIPTURE: GOOD STEPS FOR BIBLE STUDY

Begin with PRAYER.

Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate your heart and mind so that you can grasp the truths of the Word of God.

READ carefully.

If possible, read this text in another translation like the NIV or the NKJV. Consider the genre (type) of book you are reading, such as letter, history, poetry, gospel, or prophecy.

Dig into the CONTENT.

Underline key words, draw lines between similar ideas, note contrasts and lists. Examine the sentences and underlines important nouns, verbs and conjunctions. Does the author give illustrations, commands, or warnings? Observe! Observe! Observe!

Learn about the CONTEXT.

Who is the author? Who was the initial audience? What was happening when the text was written? How is this text related to other texts in this book of the Bible? Use Bible commentaries and dictionaries to help in this study.

Pray again; then SUMMARIZE.

Write 1-3 sentences on what you understand to be the author's intended meaning when he first wrote this text. What is the topic? What does he say about it?

APPLY the truth to your life.

What are 1-2 big spiritual lessons or principles you have learned from this text? How can you apply these to your life today?

COMMIT AND SHARE.

Share your insights with someone else. Plan for ways to put this into practice this week.

- Listen to the Sermon and take notes in your study journal.
- Visit sharethelife.org/sermons to listen to past messages.