

# Romans Recap, Daily Devotions

## ☐ Monday - God has Made Himself Known.

Romans 1:20

God has left proof of His existence in Creation. “For since the creation of the world [God’s] invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made” (Rom. 1:20). Yes, “The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament declares His handiwork” (Psa. 19:1). Christian, train your eye to look for the fingerprints of God in the beauty of Creation all around you, then rejoice in the God of all Creation!

Read Psalm 8:1

## ☐ Tuesday - Consider God’s Kindness and Repent.

Romans 2:4

The sinner brings the terrible consequences of his own sin upon himself: a broken home or a sexually transmitted disease because of immorality; or the loss of a job, reputation or friends because of dishonesty, temper, or greed. But God can use these consequences to bring about repentance (Psa. 119:67, 71, 75; Heb. 12:5-12). Yet at other times the Lord shows extraordinary kindness in order to draw us to repentance. And so, Scripture poses this question: “Do you think lightly of the riches of [God’s] kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?” (Rom. 2:4). Yet if good things happen, when our hearts are yet unrepentant, we must be careful that we do not mistake this for God’s endorsement of our sin. In such cases God’s kindness is meant to show, in stark contrast, the ugliness of our sin compared to His own goodness. And so, sometimes the Lord drives us with affliction, and other times He draws us with affection to repent and turn to Him.

Read Psalm 34:8, 119:68

## ☐ Wednesday - All Have Sinned.

Romans 3:23

Here is mankind’s legacy: “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23); “Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins” (Eccl. 7:20); There is none righteous, not even one” (Rom. 3:10). “For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all” (James 2:10). Acceptance of one’s own sinfulness is the first stepping stone on the narrow cobblestone path that leads to eternal life (Mt. 7:13-14). But “if we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us” (1 John 1:8). “Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord” (Acts 3:19). Read 1 John 1:9

## ☐ Thursday - Be Transformed.

Romans 12:2

The Christian life is a transformation. It starts by being “born-again” (John 3:3; cf. 2 Cor. 5:17), and it ends by one final transformation of our natural bodies into incorruptible new glorified bodies (1 Cor. 15:51-53). In-between these two epic events the Christian life is marked by continual transformation. And so here the apostle Paul writes, “Be transformed by the renewing of your mind” (Rom. 12:2), written in the present passive voice which literally reads, “Continue to let yourselves be transformed.” The One who transforms us of course is God (Phil. 1:6), through the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:18). But we must stay in step with the Spirit’s work in our lives, by daily renewing our minds in the written Word of God which He inspired (2 Tim. 3:16).

Read 1 Peter 2:2

## ☐ Friday - The God of Hope.

Romans 15:13

The apostle writes, “Now may the *God of hope* fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in *hope* by the power of the Holy Spirit” (Rom. 15:13). This is Christianity boiled down to its purest form. By the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, the true child of God’s whole hope for eternal life is in the God of hope, with no contingency plan, no backup plan, no plan B; clinging only to the immutable promises of the God who cannot lie (Titus 1:2, Heb. 6:18). For “Whoever believes in Him will not be disappointed” (Rom. 10:11).

Read Psalm 130:5, Lamentations 3:24