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Sproul's sermons at St. Andrew's Chapel are the foundation of these never-before-published expositions on Paul's epistle to the Romans.

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Throughout church history the study of the book of Romans has been pivotal to understanding Christian life and doctrine. Convinced that "Paul's fullest, grandest, most comprehensive statement of the gospel" is just as vital today, R. C. Sproul delivered nearly sixty sermons on Romans from October 2005 to April 2007 at St. Andrew's Chapel, where he has pastored for more than a decade. These never-before-published, passage-by-passage expositions will enrich any study of this weighty epistle. Part of the St. Andrew's Expository Commentaries series.

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John Gardner says

Like his commentary on the book of John, this is a masterpiece. Sproul's writing style is conversational and very clear, making the book an engaging and approachable read for anyone. It certainly didn't seem like a 520-page theological treatise (though it is); it "felt" like I was reading something very personal and enjoyable, almost like a novel... a rare description for a Bible commentary!

Though I continue to look forward to all of Sproul's commentaries, this was the one for which I had been most anxiously awaiting. Romans is the greatest book in the Bible, and right in Sproul's wheelhouse. He hit it out of the park!

This book, like Paul's letter, touches on nearly every theological issue which Christians debate. Sproul is clear about his own theological convictions, yet fair with other viewpoints. This is something I've always appreciated about his teaching. There is no personal agenda, no axe to grind with those who disagree with him. His only goal is to convey his vast knowledge to others, for the building up of God's church.

I can't recommend this commentary highly enough. If you've never owned a commentary, this is a great place to start. If you have read many commentaries, you'll still have much to learn from this one. I love it, and so will you!

Katie says

I absolutely love R.C. Sproul's ability to communicate doctrine in a way that is easy to understand without being condescending or overly simple. This book reads much like a collection of sermons (and quite possibly could've been), filled with real life examples to illustrate Sproul's points. Some reviewers complained about Sproul's slant with Calvinism. My objections to that are twofold. One, you must not know Sproul very well because if you have a problem with his Calvinistic beliefs you probably shouldn't have bothered with the book, and two, you really need to read his chapters on Romans 9, because that Bible chapter was one of the main things that "converted" me to Calvinism; it's very hard to get around some of those verses with an Arminianist point of view! All that to say, this book comes with my highest recommendations, well worth a reread, and I hope to get more books from his expositional commentary series.

Alex Koch says

Romans The Establishing Epistle For The Saints

R.C. Sproul's Commentary on Romans is absolutely GREAT. But there is a problem: you will enjoy this book so much that 50% of it will be underlined and full of notes.

Yours in Christ,

Alex

Bonnie says

Complete study of the book of Romans. The righteous shall live by faith, indeed.

Rod Innis says

A great book. It gives so many great insights to the understanding of the book of Romans. The message of the gospel of Jesus Christ is under so much attack today as it has been since the 1st century. This well-written book is very helpful in proclaiming the importance of a clear understanding of the message of salvation - the gospel.

Ben Lind says

This was just ok. I agreed with a lot of the ideas that Sproul presented, but he provided little Scriptural support for most of his ideas. I think this was because each chapter was an adaptation of one of his sermons, and typically sermons aren't full of parenthetical cross references. Still, I wish Sproul would have spent some more time editing the sermons and adding in more cross references and building up some of his arguments to make them more convincing.

Leslie Christopher says

I really did enjoy this, but I thought it was going to be more of an exegetical commentary than it was. That said, it was infinitely more readable than an exegetical commentary would be!

It is actually a collection of sermon that Dr. Sproul preached at his church, St. Andrews, in Sanford, Florida. I am actually working through Douglas Moo's exegetical commentary on Romans and find myself going back to Sproul's book from time to time for more perspective.

I gave it 4 stars since it wasn't exactly what I thought it would be, but still encourage anyone to read it. Romans is such an important book theologically that we should all be "Bereans" about it, IMHO!

Joel says

On pages 413-414, Dr. Sproul shares a story where his English teacher pinned his paper on a board and wrote to him saying, "Don't ever let anybody tell you that you can't write." I say Amen to her comment. Dr. Sproul books can get pretty deep in the weeds in theology and philosophy. However, his writing style allows the reader to easily follow along and understand these complex ideas. His commentary on Romans is no exception to this.

He starts his book stating this commentary is not a comprehensive one. And it's not. Because of this I can't give it five stars. Chapters are no longer than 12 pages, which might cover one to two verses or half a chapter in Romans. He seems to rush through the last two Chapters of Romans as well.

His exegesis of the text is what you would come to expect if you are familiar with Dr. Sproul's theology (Calvinism). He does a masterful job of explaining the key words in the original language, words like *dikaioo* (or it's various forms).

Though it's not a comprehensive commentary, I highly recommended this book. Weighing in at a little more than 500 pages, it is a surprisingly quick read as well.

Matthew says

My favorite book of the Bible is Romans, hands down. Add to that the fact that I'm a pretty solid Reformed theology nerd, and R.C. Sproul's Romans Commentary is a clear winner with me. Containing the sermons from his series on Romans delivered to Saint Andrew's Church in Sanford, FL, the book functions less like a traditional commentary in that it's not as "word-by-word" as some others. Instead, it's delivered in sermon form (the passages being discussed are bolded to help with references), with Sproul including stories, anecdotes, and other tangential thoughts to the specific scriptures. Being that it was a series of sermons, there are certain threads carried through the different chapters, so it's more beneficial when read through and the reader can trace those threads.

I have utilized the book to help my study with my small group Bible study, which is currently going through Romans. I've had the privilege of leading the group a few times, and the insights I gained from this commentary were extremely helpful in that respect. Sproul does a great job of making the doctrine contained in Paul's amazing letter to the Romans come alive and connect to real life. His analogies and examples explained the scriptures in profound and clear ways.

Being that it's R.C. Sproul, some will clearly disagree with his treatment of chapters 9-11 of Romans. These difficult passages are in many ways the backbone of Reformed, Calvinist theology, and they are the chapters that can easily cause division. I found Sproul's handling of these texts to be direct and truthful, but also gentle and warm. Doctrine is clearly not just an intellectual pursuit for him. He has a pastor's heart, and it shines through here.

There are a handful of really solid Bible teachers that I look to when I have questions about what I read in scripture. I definitely count R.C. Sproul in that group. This Romans commentary is just the first in a series of expositional commentaries coming out from him (The Gospel of John has also released), and I can't wait to add those to my library.

Chris says

Great commentary by the late R.C. Sproul on the fantastic book of Romans. I would highly recommend this, and indeed all of Sproul's commentary books; they are very thorough and biblically solid, yet to the point and extremely readable. Each chapter covers a small portion of Scripture, and aren't too lengthy so it's easy to read in small components.

Pm says

Currently reading chapter 3 on the wrath of God. This is an excellent discussion on an aspect of God's nature rarely talked about today. God is not a casual observer of the actions of mankind but is passionate about his creation. When mankind rejects what God has clearly revealed, God reacts with passion and RC lays this out clearly in this chapter.

Jonny Gomez says

one of the best books I've ever read.

Chuck McIlhenny says

I've been looking for some solid study guides or commentaries on the Biblical book "Romans", and came across this somewhat positively-reviewed book. The book itself is well-written, and fairly thorough, and while I felt there was some info to be gained from Sproul's expository work, I found myself often at odds with his Calvinist teachings (something I had not realized before purchasing). And Sproul is relentless in his "selling" of Calvin and predestination doctrine. If you're willing to confront, and perhaps filter through, those teachings, you may find some worthwhile information here.

Alex Fardi-turkmani says

I love this commentary set. I have all of them except for "Matthew" which came out recently.

Sproul is incredibly helpful in this commentary. This commentary, along with the set, is an adapted from a set of sermons that Sproul preached. That being said, the series tends to be more "devotionally" minded and applicationally driven. You will not come across technical exegetical notes in this commentary.

This book is very easy for anybody to pick up and read!

Great resource if you are preaching or studying through Romans!

Marc says

Great commentary - as I noted numerous times in my updates, it's very readable and accessible to the layperson, which is important as Romans is the most comprehensive exposition of the doctrines of grace in the New Testament. Understanding Romans is vital to understanding the gospel. Sproul does a fine job of helping us to understand.

