**Summary of Romans: Freedom from sin’s enslavement is possible**

**Every person is enslaved to sin due to God’s anger at our unrighteousness. Two things are necessary to escape His “wrath” or enslavement to sin.**

* **We must be justified by faith alone in Christ alone.**
* **Next, believers must allow the Spirit to make their dead bodies (8:10) alive and walk in the Spirit’s power (8:4-6, 11).**

**Chapter One: The Gospel is our only hope to be free from enslavement to sin**

* **Humanity does not honor God as God or give Him thanks.**
* **God is angry at all unrighteousness.**
* **God gives men over to sin, enslaving them in what they want. (Pr. 1:20-33)**

**Chapter two: We’re a mess - No one is righteous, not the self-righteous, the atheist/agnostic, nor the Jew, nor anyone else.**

**Chapter three: We’ve got one shot**

* **The Law shows men are unrighteous, so the only possible righteousness is freely given by God to those who believe; works are completely excluded.**
* **The cross of Christ completely satisfied God’s justice.**

**Chapter four: The example of Abraham**

* **Abraham becomes the prime example of justification by faith before God, apart from works, a reality that David also affirms.**
* **Abraham’s faith was based on the reality that God brings life from the dead, something out of nothing, and is fully able to do what He promised.**

**Chapter five: Justified people can be delivered, the legacy of two men**

* **The justified have peace with God and can view trials differently (5:1-8).**
* **Only justified people can be delivered from sin’s enslavement.**
* **Jesus showed His love by dying for us when we were “His enemies”. Now, He delivers us from God’s wrath by His resurrection life (5:9-10).**
* **5:12-21 = Impact of two men: Adam, brought sin, death, and enslavement into the world; Jesus, who brought justification, life, and the rule of grace.**

**Chapter six: The “file” is downloaded. But, the rule of grace does not mean sinning doesn’t matter.**

* **The life that justification brings cannot be experienced when we sin.**
* **Believers are joined to Christ, His death and resurrection.**
* **Being under grace does not mean sin is okay. Sin still brings enslavement and the experience of death, even for believers.**

**Chapter seven: Our bodies are the “monkey wrench” to growth**

* **The Law isn’t the problem, our flesh is.**
* **The Law exposes the sin within us and shows how sinful it is.**

**Chapter eight: - Unpacking the download. The Spirit can make our dead bodies alive and, through suffering, prepare us for the Kingdom**

* **Believers who walk in the Spirit are freed from enslavement to sin (8:1).**
* **Walking according to the flesh leads to the experience of life, walking in the Spirit, brings the experience of life and peace. (8:6)**
* **Unbelievers can’t experience “life and peace”; they don’t have the Spirit.**
* **A mind set on the Spirit is living like an heir, an adult “son”**
* **Living by the Spirit and suffering with Christ opens up co-heirship with Him. Co-heirs have God’s special love and support.**

**Chapter Nine - Israel is a nation under wrath**

* **God is free to choose the avenue of His blessing, like Isaac and Jacob**
* **Israel is under wrath because they pursued righteousness by works**

**Chapter Ten – Don’t repeat Israel’s mistakes**

* **Paul deeply cares for national Israel, as he is also a Jew by nature**
* **Paul wants Israel delivered from wrath, but they made two mistakes: They didn’t believe unto righteousness and they failed to call upon the Lord.**

**Chapter Eleven – God is not done with Israel**

* **National Israel is currently, and temporarily, “set aside”**
* **God wisely turned to the Gentiles to move Israel to jealousy, reach the Gentiles, and eventually, restore Israel**
* **Israel is an enemy to the Gospel, but loved for the sake of the Fathers.**

**Chapter Twelve – Applying it all by presenting our dead bodies to God and living out the life of Christ in us, serving properly in the Church, and acting like Jesus.**

**Chapter Thirteen – Obedience to governing authorities helps escape wrath. Wake up and love one another! Complete freedom is coming, as are our evaluations.**

**Chapter Fourteen – Help brothers weaker in conscience to escape wrath by accepting them.**

**Chapter 15 – Accept the weaker in conscience, as God has accepted us, which should provoke praise and our energies to reach unbelievers.**

**Chapter 16 – Healthy relationships with people come from a healthy relationship with God**