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ROMANS

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Foreword

As indicated on the cover, this volume is a study guide. It is not a commentary. Overviews of paragraphs or large sections of Scripture are presented and general direction of thought is intended rather than dealing with the specifics of words or phrases. The exceptions to this design of writing occur when a knowledge of Pauline expressions is essential to an understanding of the larger scope of thought. Thus, most specifics and technical information must be gleaned from other sources.

Each reader is urged to have commentaries on *Romans* at hand. Availability of commentaries should pose no problem as a host of books have been written about *Romans*. Especially recommended are *Romans Realized*, Don DeWalt and *The Epistle to the Romans*, F. F. Bruce. DeWalt is not quoted in this study guide because it is taken for granted that the reader will have his commentary at hand. Two very small works which may be helpful for each student in a study group to possess are *Romans for the Layman*, Burton Throckmorton, Jr. and a *Work Book on Romans* which includes an outline on *Romans*, an outline of each chapter and forty questions on each chapter, written by Fred W. McClung. A most important companion reading is *Galatians* in which Paul writes much about subjects which appear in *Romans* such as righteousness, law, gospel, grace, works, flesh and spirit.

The American Standard Version (1901) is quoted in the text because

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it is the most literal translation of the Greek to English. It is hoped that other versions will be read in conjunction with the study guide.

Various views of scholars are presented on some subjects. The author's view is usually made known, but each reader is urged to evaluate each view carefully on the basis of all the information he can bring to bear upon the subject and arrive at his own personal conclusion.

Answers to many of the questions found at the close of each chapter may be found in the study guide or in *Romans*. Some questions are designed to cause the student to reason out his own answer.

This study guide is dedicated to my wife, Mary, who has contributed greatly to every accomplishment of mine. Together we place this work in the hand of the Lord to be used as He wills.