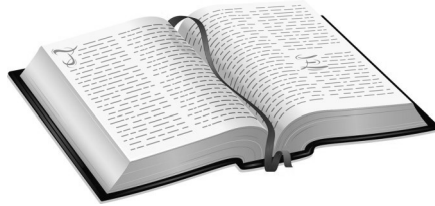


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Answer Sheet for New Living Translation (NLT) *Romans - Lesson 4 of 5*

Romans Chapter 10

THE JEW IN THE PRESENT

In Romans 9 through 11, we have many references from the Old Testament Scriptures. Such references are called proof texts, and are used by Paul as positive authority for the spiritual truths he is proclaiming. Certain facts in the New Testament are often established by quoting a passage from the Old Testament. There are fifteen such references in Romans 10.

Read Romans Chapter 10. _____ **Check.**

1. (v. 10:1) What was Paul's desire for Israel? for people of Israel to be saved
2. (v. 10:2) Though these people had religious zeal, what did they lack?
God's way of making people right with Himself
3. (v. 10:3b) Of what were they guilty?
refusing to accept God's way, they cling to their own way by trying to keep the Law

Note: Man's attempt at righteousness can never satisfy God because God demands a perfect righteousness which man cannot produce. God Himself supplied this righteousness in the person of Christ.

Read: *1 Corinthians 1:30; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 4:6.*

It becomes ours when we receive Christ as our Savior.

We then have the same standing before God as Christ.

4. Write out verse 4 using your own words.

For Christ has already accomplished the purpose for which the Law was given.

As a result, all who believe in Him are made right with God.

Please note that Christ is the end of the Law. *“The Law leads up to Him who is the fulfillment of its types and in Him the purpose of the Law, which it was designed to accomplish, is fulfilled as the means of righteousness (right relationship to God) for everyone who trusts Him”.*

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Read Romans 10:5-10. _____ Check.

Take special note of the contrasts between righteousness of the Law and righteousness by faith.

5. (v. 10:5) What did the righteousness of God require? obedience to all Law commands
(Romans 3:10) Was man able to keep that Law? no!

6. (vs. 10:6-8) These verses are based on a passage from Deuteronomy 30:12-14, where Moses said that God’s Word was not far away or out of reach. Paul applies this principle to the gospel of Christ.

According to verse 10:8 in what three places is the Word found?

1. close at hand

2. on your lips

3. in your heart

Read Romans 10:9-11. _____ Check.

7. (v. 10:9) What then must we do to be saved? Use your own words.

if you declare Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the
dead, you will be saved.

Note: The word confess here means to acknowledge something as true. It does not mean that a person has to confess his beliefs before men in order to be saved, as that would be a legal requirement, or work. Our confession is not by our physical lips any more than our belief is in our physical heart. We are under grace. Eventually believers do confess their faith by their words and their lives because they are thankful for their salvation.

8. (v. 10:11) What do you think is the meaning of this verse?

(varies) As the Scriptures tell us, anyone who trust in Him will never be
disgraced.

Read Romans 10:12-21. _____ Check.

9. (v. 10:12) There is no difference between the Jew and the Greek/Gentile. Why?

Jew & Gentile have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on Him

10. (v. 10:13) This verse is also a quote from the Old Testament (Joel 2:32).

What does God promise in this verse?

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

11. (v. 10:14) Complete the following questions:

1. How can they call on the one unless they believe in Him ?
2. How can they believe in the one if they have never heard about Him ?
3. How can they hear without unless someone tells them ?

12. (v. 10:15) How can they preach except

without being sent

What are they preaching? Good News (how beautiful are the feet of those)

13. (v. 10:17) How does faith come? comes from hearing

How does hearing come? hearing the Good News about Christ

In verses 18-21 Paul quotes various Old Testament scriptures to prove that the Gentiles would receive God's revelation while the Jews rejected it.

Read the following verses and compare with those above.

Psalms 19:4. _____ Check. Deuteronomy 32:21. _____ Check. Isaiah 65:1-2. _____ Check.

14. (v. 10:18) Did Israel hear the word of God?

The message has gone throughout the earth and the words to all the world.

Note: Whether to the Jew or Gentile, the Word of God must be preached or taught before one can have faith in Christ. How important it is then for Christians to tell the Gospel (the good news of salvation) to others?

15. (v. 10:19) What did Moses say God would do when Israel did not understand?

God will rouse your jealousy through people who are not even a nation. He will provoke your anger through the foolish Gentiles.

16. (v. 10:20a) According to Esaias (Isaiah), who found God? people not looking for Me
(v. 10:20b) God was made manifest (revealed) to whom? those not asking for Me
17. (v. 10:21) Israel did not believe because God said they were
a disobedient and rebellious people.

Romans Chapter 11

THE JEW – IN THE FUTURE

This chapter discusses God's dealings with Israel-- how He set them aside because of their unbelief, and how He turned to the Gentile nations. The Gentiles are now on equal footing with Israel before God. In the future Israel will be saved and restored according to the Kingdom promises. Because Paul speaks so often about Israel in this chapter, he has quoted ten verses from the Old Testament.

Read Romans 11:1-6. _____ Check.

1. (v. 11:1) What question does Paul ask? has God rejected His own people
2. (v. 11:1) What proof does Paul give that God has not cast away all the people of Israel? I myself am an Israelite, a descendent of Abraham and a member of the tribe of Benjamin.
3. (vs. 11:2-4) Paul refers to the prophet Elijah (Elias) in the Old Testament (1 Kings 19:10-18). Elijah thought he was the only one who remained faithful to God during the time when Israel had turned to idol worship, Baal being their chief idol. What was God's answer to him? No, I have 7,000 others who have never bowed down to Baal.
4. (vs. 11:5-6) In verse five Paul mentions a remnant in Israel (a spiritual Israel within the nation Israel). In verse 6, what two words are opposites? good works

Grace means the undeserved love, mercy and kindness of God towards us. During this age God saves all people alike, whether Jew or Gentile -- by grace through faith without works. (Ephesians 2:8-10)

By works we mean man's attempt to obtain God's blessing by his own good deeds, his high moral standards, or his religious activities. Good works are the result of a person being saved, but they do not earn or merit salvation in any form. Romans 11:6 shows that one cannot be saved by grace and by works at the same time. One cancels out the other.

Read Romans 11:7-12. _____ Check. Israel is Blinded

5. (v. 11:7) Did the nation Israel in search of righteousness obtain it? no
Who did obtain it? ones God has chosen (This refers to the faithful remnant or to spiritual Jews.) What happened to the rest?
hearts of the rest were hardened

In vv. 11:8-10 Paul quotes from Isaiah 29:10 and Psalm 69:22-23 to show God had warned that punishment would come to Israel because of their rejection of God's way of salvation.

6. (v. 11:11) What was God's great purpose in allowing Israel to fall?
make salvation available to the Gentiles
How would Israel feel towards the Gentiles?
jealous to claim it for themselves

God wanted to provoke this jealousy so that the Jews would realize the blessing they had missed and turn back to God for salvation. If Israel's fall (read v. 11:12) brought the spiritual riches of Christ to the rest of the world, how much greater a blessing the world will share when the Jews also come to Christ and the nation Israel is restored to its rightful position.

7. (v. 11:12) Israel's transgression became what? turned down God's offer of salvation

Read Romans 11:13-15. _____ Check. Warning to the Gentiles

8. (v. 13) Paul is the only writer in the Bible who directly addresses Gentiles (also see Romans 15:16). Why is this? God has appointed me as the apostle to the Gentiles

9. (v. 11:15) What is the result of Israel being rejected?
their rejection meant God's salvation to the rest of the world
What will be the result of Israel's restoration in the future?
life for those who were dead!

Note: Additional verses on Paul's authority can be found in 1 Cor. 9:17; Gal. 1:11-12; Eph. 3:6-9; 1 Tim. 1:11-16; 1 Tim. 2:5-7; Titus 1:1-3; and Gal. 2:7-14. Paul was chosen by God to reveal His truth for this present age. This is most important for Bible students to understand, so that they do not confuse the Gospel of Grace God gave through Paul with the Gospel of the Kingdom concerning the reign of Christ on earth. The promises to Israel concerned a future kingdom which Christ preached in the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) and to which Peter referred in the early chapters of Acts. Paul's message concerns the Church, the Body of Christ. Both are centered in Christ, but while the former is a promised or prophesied Kingdom on earth, the other was a mystery kept secret since the world began until revealed to and through Paul. The Body of Christ is composed of both Jews and Gentiles who have believed on Christ (Romans 10:9-10; Acts 16:31; Ephesians 2:8-9).

Read Romans 11:16-24. _____ Check.

Verses 16 through 24 discuss the place of spiritual privilege before God. This place is represented by an olive tree (v. 11:17). The unbelieving ones of Israel are the broken off branches, and the Gentiles are the grafted in branches of a wild olive tree. The Gentile nations now have this position of spiritual privilege.

10. (v. 11:19) Before we Gentiles could be grafted in, what had to happen?

those branches were broken off

11. (v. 11:20) Why were the branches broken off?

because they didn't believe Christ

12. (vs. 11:20-22) Here we have warnings to the Gentile world not to be unbelieving (as Israel was), but to stand by faith and fear. God's kindness will continue, provided that we do what?

continue to trust in His kindness

13. (vs. 11:23-24) Israel, the natural branches, are referred to again. In the future, if they will turn to God from their unbelief, what will God do for them?

they will be grafted in again, back into the tree

14. (v. 11:25) This verse refers to a mystery (a secret that is now revealed). What did Paul say this mystery is?

hard hearts will last only until the full number of Gentiles come to Christ

Note: the fullness of the Gentiles refers to the completion of God's dispensation of grace to the nations. After this the prophecies concerning Israel, the seven-year tribulation and the 1000-year Kingdom will be fulfilled.

Read Romans 11:26-33. _____ Check. The Nation Israel to be Saved

15. (vs. 11:26-27) List three prophecies concerning Israel:

1. the One who rescues will come from Jerusalem
2. He will turn Israel away from ungodliness
3. a covenant to take away their sins

16. (v. 11:29) What does this verse say concerning God's gifts and calling?

can never be withdrawn

17. (vs. 11:30-31) In times past, the Gentiles were far from God, but because of Israel's unbelief, God turned to the Gentiles (see also v. 11).

How may those of Israel now find salvation?

God's mercy has come to those that rebelled against Him

Read Romans 11:32-36. _____ Check. A Hymn of Praise

18. (v. 11:32) Why has God included all (Jews and Gentiles) in unbelief?

so He could have mercy on everyone

19. (v. 11:33) What does this verse say about God's judgments and his ways?

1. His judgments are impossible (answer not easily found in NLT).
2. His ways/paths are (answer not in NLT) NKJV: past finding out.

20. (vs. 11:34-36) Verses 34 and 35 show that God's wisdom and knowledge are far greater than ours. Verse 36 says that all things are from Him, and exists by His power, and intended for His glory.

Romans Chapter 12

GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS IN OUR LIVES

The preceding chapters of Romans have shown the great things God has done for us. Because He has done these things, we find in Chapter 12 a plea for personal consecration to God and to His will for our spiritual life. The last 13 verses give practical instruction about how God would have us live in our relationships with others.

Read Romans 12:1-2. _____ Check.

1. (v. 12:1) Because of God's mercies, what does Paul ask the believers to do?
give your bodies to God because of all He has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice - the kind He will find acceptable. This is the way to worship Him.

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Note: We are to present our "bodies," not our "selves." The old nature (self) was put to death on the cross.

The new nature, the indwelling Christ, should now live THROUGH our bodies.

2. (v. 12:2) What are we not to do?
don't copy behavior and customs of the world
What should we do? let God transform you by changing the way you think
What three things describe the will of God? good, pleasing, perfect

3. Is the presentation of our bodies to God a reasonable thing to do?
(Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 before answering.) Yes X No _____

Turn your bodies over to the Holy Spirit, allowing Him to plan, direct, and think for you and in you; then shall you be able to prove in actual experience the will of God for you to be good, acceptable and perfect.

Read Romans 12:3-8. _____ Check.

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4. (v. 12:3) What are we told about how we are to think (or estimate) of ourselves?
Don't think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us

It is perfectly reasonable to give back to God that which He purchased and which belongs to Him. The sinner saved by grace can come to only this conclusion. *“Since Christ died for me, I now want to live for Him.”*

5. (v. 12:4) All believers are members of the Body of Christ (see 1 Corinthians 12:12-13), but they do not all have the same function.
6. (v. 12:5) Name two things that are said about spiritual unity of believers:
We are
many parts of one body and all belong to each other
7. **Underline the correct word or words.**
 1. Every man ought to think (highly) (soberly) of himself.
 2. God has (dealt) (not dealt) to every man the measure of faith, that is, a degree of faith.
 3. All members, or parts of our physical bodies (perform) (do not perform) the same work.
 4. Members of the Body of Christ, that is, all believers in Christ (belong) (do not be long) to one another.

Read again Romans 12:6-8. _____ Check.

Here we have a list of seven different gifts God has given to individual believers to build up or edify the Church, the Body of Christ. Prophecy is the first gift mentioned. A prophet is a forthteller of the mind of God. The Old Testament prophets prophesied by direct revelation from God apart from the written word of God. But now that the scriptures are complete, the prophet of God speaks according to that which is written.

8. (v. 12:6) Spiritual gifts differ according to what God has given.
What special gift is mentioned here? prophecy.

This gift is mentioned with the miracle gifts of 1 Corinthians 12:7-11, where certain men received revelations from God and preached them to the church before they had the written Word of the New Testament. This gift of prophecy is not found in any of Paul's later epistles, for Paul said (in 1 Corinthians 13:8), "...prophecies...shall fail (cease)."

9. (vs. 12:7-8) There are six spiritual gifts from God listed in these two verses.

What are they?

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| 1. <u>serving</u> | 2. <u>teaching</u> |
| 3. <u>encouraging</u> | 4. <u>giving</u> |
| 5. <u>leading</u> | 6. <u>kindness</u> |

10. (v. 12:9) We should abhor (hate) what? what is wrong.

We should cleave (cling) to what? what is good.

11. (v. 12:10) What two ways does this verse tell us to be devoted (kindly affectioned) to each other?

1. genuine affection 2. honor each other

12. (v. 12:11) What three things are true of the believer?

1. never be lazy
2. work hard
3. serve the Lord enthusiastically

13. (v. 12:12) Name three things a believer should be. 1. rejoice in confident hope

2. be patient in trouble 3. keep on praying

14. (v. 12:13) In what two ways did Paul tell believers to be involved in giving to the needs of others? (See Romans 15:25-26).

When God's people are in need, be ready to help them. Always be eager to
practice hospitality.

15. (v. 12:14) We tend to say hateful things about those who oppose or persecute us.

What are we told to do instead? Bless those who persecute you. Pray that God will ble:

16. (v. 12:15) How may we show sympathy to others?

Be happy with those who are happy; weep with those who weep.
_____.

17. (v. 12:16) Give three ways that will help avoid strife/anger with each other.

1. Live in harmony with each other.

2. Don't be too proud to enjoy the company of ordinary people.

3. Don't think you know it all.

18. (vs. 12:17-19) Use your own words to tell how you are to respond if someone tells lies about you or hurts you in some way. (varies) Never pay back evil for evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honorable. Do all that you can to be at peace with everyone. Never take revenge; leave that to God.

19. (vs. 12:20-21) In what way can you overcome evil with good?
if your enemy is hungry or thirsty, feed them and give them drink.

20. For review, read Romans 12:9-21 and fill in the blank for each of the statements below.

Relations with Believers:

Be patient in times of trouble.

Be affectionate to one another in brotherly love.

Hate what is evil; stand on the side of good.

Love one another. Share with God's people in need.

Live in harmony with one another.

Don't be proud, but enjoy ordinary people.

Honor everyone above yourself.

Relations with Unbelievers:

Never try to get revenge. Let the Lord pay back.

Do good before all men.

Love your enemy.

Do not repay evil for evil

Bless those who curse you.

Overcome evil by doing good.

Every Christian must agree that these are reasonable things for God to expect.

If you were to check your life by this list, how well would you measure up?

As Christians (Christ's own) we owe it to Him and to others to walk according to His word.

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