



THE BIBLE IN VERSE

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ROMANS

CHAPTERS 1 TO 16

Chapter 1

Paul the apostle sends blessing and grace.
All that are just shall abide in the faith.
Men sought for wickedness rather than light,
God, therefore, cast them, rejected from sight.

Chapter 2

Judgments of God are according to truth.
God has no favorites, looks for good proof.
Doers are justified, hearers ignored.
Plain circumcision is vain and deplored.

Chapter 3

Jews have advantage of bringing the Word.
Justification by faith is assured.
There is no righteous man, not even one.
All men have sinned, falling short of God's Son.

Chapter 4

Abraham's faith brought him glory and fame.
While yet uncircumcised, called by his name.
Abraham staggered, not once, at the Word,
Freely accepted the things he had heard.

Chapter 5

Being now justified freely by faith,
We have God's peace and the key to His grace.
Death came through Adam, who sinned in the fall.
Life comes through Jesus, who suffered for all.

Chapter 6

Shall we then sin, that His grace may abound!
He that is dead is interred in the ground.
We, being dead, get our light from His face.
We are not under the law but His grace.

Chapter 7

Woman to husband is bound while he lives;
At his decease her full freedom he gives.
Our old man died when we took the new birth,
Now we are married to Christ and His worth.

Chapter 8

There is now no condemnation in Christ,
Law of the Spirit has fully sufficed.
We, being led by the Spirit, are sons.
Spirit will finish the work He's begun.

Chapter 9

Is there unrighteousness present with God?
He may have mercy; He may use the rod.
Dare the thing molded retort and complain?
God may give honor; He may render shame.

Chapter 10

Hebrews, though zealous, are wandering still,
Straining toward God, but rejecting His will.
How can men trust when they never have heard?
Faith comes by hearing, and hearing, the Word.

Chapter 11

God has not severed His choice, His elect.
Those who will serve He will surely protect.
Some were cut off with the Father's consent.
Of His good gifts, God will never repent.

Chapter 12

Offer your body, a sacrifice clean,
Doing good service, but not to be seen,
Choosing no man for the things that he hath,
Seek not revenge, but give place unto wrath.

Chapter 13

Powers that be are ordained of the Lord.
Be in subjection or suffer the sword.
All of the law is fulfilled in pure love.
Overcome sin and the lusting thereof.

Chapter 14

He that is weak should be freely received.
Cause no offense that the brother be grieved,
Nothing to stop him from entering in.
Anything lacking of faith is of sin.

Chapter 15

We that are strong ought to bolster the weak.
Jesus came not His own pleasure to seek.
Paul was ordained that the Gentiles be reached,
Taking the Word where it hadn't been preached.

Chapter 16

Phoebe, Priscilla, Aquilla, acclaimed.
Other good saints are saluted and named.
Shun them that gender division and strife.
Be very simple, but wise unto life.