

## **The Letter to the Romans**

### **Hope of Salvation and Freedom from Bondage**

**Wednesday, August 26**

**6:30 PM-8:00 PM**

#### **Reading**

#### **Chapters 5 & 6**

#### **Opening Prayer**

#### **Questions to Consider**

##### **Chapter 5**

1. Having declared **the faithfulness of God** in Chapter 3, and having introduced the concept of being **made right** with God through the **sacrifice of Jesus Christ**, Paul now prosecutes his case based on **faith** in the saving power of God through Jesus Christ (Romans 5:1-11). What is your understanding of **salvation**? How is **salvation** accomplished?

2. What is the meaning of the word **sacrifice**? Why must there be a **sacrifice** in order to conquer **sin**? Was it necessary for Jesus to die on a cross in order to achieve **salvation** and free the world from the bondage of **sin**?

##### **Chapter 6**

3. Paul says that **“we died and were buried with Christ by Baptism”** in verse 4. This verse may vex seminarians. What does this mean?

4. What is our chief prayer for those being baptized (BCP Holy Baptism pp. 299-308)?

5. Paul reminds us that sin is never far away, even after baptism, and its consequence is death (vs. 20-23). What are we to do?

#### **What does this segment of Romans mean for me today?**

#### **Closing Prayer**