

READING THE NEW TESTAMENT IN 2021 Week 18 (May 3-7)

("Let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly" ... and bear fruit in our lives) – Colossians 3:16.

Historical Context (Paul's third missionary trip).

57 AD Paul writes his Letter to the Romans from Corinth. Cf. Romans 15:22-29.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Clarification from the Greek (the original language)</u>
Mon.	Romans 4	(:3) Reckoned = In the Greek, it is a derivation of "word" / "something spoken". In this form it means "logically concluded / calculated / counted / thought." It is the judgment given as the result of an evaluation.
Tues.	Romans 5	(:1) Justified = This word flows from the word righteous that we looked at in Romans 2. Both words begin with the name of the Greek goddess of justice and fairness, name "Dike" or "Dice." She is pictured as carrying scales of justice, and the laurel wreath of victory. She is the daughter of Zeus and Themis (the goddess of good counsel, and also carries the scales of justice whose implacable enemy is violence. Dike's implacable enemy is violence. Therefore, the person described as "righteous" in the Greek is one whose behavior fulfills the rightful obligations towards the gods and others in society. The word here is in the passive form. It is not something we have either done for another (active form), nor we have done for ourselves (middle form). It is done for us by another. It is a gift. It follows the astonishing verse, Romans 4:5, "therefore to the person who is not working, but trusting God who justifies [those who do not keep their obligations to God and society]."
Wed.	Romans 6	(:4) Glory = It comes from the Greek word for the opinion or valuation of a person or thing. Coming to mean both radiance and splendor, it is rooted in what it does.
Thurs.	Romans 7	(:5) Members = From this Greek word we get the word "melody" – the tune of the song. It means both parts of the body, as well as phrase / parts of a song / song.
Fri.	Romans 8	(:26) Intercedes (We will touch on "predestined" in Ephesians) = "approach / appeal to someone".

Sources: www.thebiblejourney.org; [The Interlinear NIV](#); [Dictionary of New Testament Theology](#), Vols. 1-3; wikipedia.org/wiki/dike; mythologian.net; wikipedia.org/wiki/themis; [The New Linguistic and Exegetical Key to the Greek New Testament](#); [Analytical Greek New Testament](#).

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