



ROMANS – INTRODUCTION

- Who, when, where
- Theme
- Major divisions
- Approach to study
- Key words

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- From Paul – 1:1
- Dictated to Tertius – 16:22
- To the Christians in Rome – 1:6-7
- The church in Rome
 - Acts 2:10
 - Acts 18:2; Romans 16:3

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- Written from Corinth
- Gaius
 - Paul a guest of Gaius – 16:1
 - Paul baptized Gaius at Corinth – 1 Cor 1:14
- Erastus
 - Sends greetings from Erastus the treasurer of the city – 16:23
 - Later, Erastus left behind in Corinth – 2 Timothy 4:20

- Written about 58 AD, third journey (Romans 15:25ff; Acts 20:3; Acts 20:16)



ROMAN FORUM



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ROMAN AQUEDUCT



PAUL'S LATER JOURNEY TO ROME





THE THEME OF THE LETTER TO THE ROMANS

The Righteousness of God revealed in the gospel

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’”

Romans 1:16-17



TWO MAJOR DIVISIONS IN THE LETTER

- Chapters 1-11
 - Argumentative
 - Justification by faith
- Chapters 12-15
 - Practical living based on the arguments presented in chapters 1-11

APPROACH TO CLASS

- Through the text
- Define key words and keep track of their use
- Emphasize and define key words
 - e.g. Righteousness – 3 uses of the word
 - Misuse or redefinition of words leads to erroneous doctrines
 - e.g. “impute” = reckon, account...not “transfer”
- Answer questions



THE LETTER IS MISUNDERSTOOD BY MANY

- The letter is used, abused, as a basis for salvation by faith only as well as other Calvinistic doctrines
- But what it teaches...
 - Cannot contradict the gospel Paul obeyed
 - Cannot contradict the gospel Paul preached
 - Cannot contradict the other inspired letters nor the truth contained throughout the Bible



ROMANS 1:1

A THREE-FOLD DESCRIPTION OF PAUL

“Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God”



ROMANS 1:2
ORIGIN OF THE GOSPEL

“Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God {2} which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures”



ROMANS 1:3-4

JESUS CHRIST, THE CORE OF THE GOSPEL;
HIS HUMANITY & HIS DEITY

“Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God

{2} which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures

{3} concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,

{4} and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.



ROMANS 1:6-7
TO THE SAINTS IN ROME

“Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,

{6} among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

{7} To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.”



ROMANS 1:8
THANKFUL FOR THEIR FAITH

“First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.”

ROMANS 1:9-15

PAUL'S DESIRE TO COME TO ROME

“For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers,

{10} making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you.

{11} For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established—

{12} that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

{13} Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles.

{14} I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise.

{15} So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.”