



# Reviewing Paul's Epistle to The Romans

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***If God would have ever wrote a book, it would be the Bible!***

***If God would have ever selected a man to write about the righteousness of God and the redemption of humanity, it would be the apostle Paul!***

***And, if God would have ever had that man write about this “Good News” (The Gospel), it would be the epistle of Paul to the Romans!***

***“If Galatians was the draft copy of the actual debate, then Romans was Paul’s final thesis on the subject of salvation, by grace, through faith!”*** Robert Turner



# Quarter Outline

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## Week 1 – Romans Overview

- The Who, When, Where, & Why
- The Main Purpose and Message
- Paul's Introduction & Prelude (1:1-17, 15:14-33)

## Week 2 – Major Terms In Romans

- Law
- Righteousness (Justification)
- Faith
- Flesh

## Week 3 – Major Terms In Romans

- Sin
- Grace
- Sanctification
- Israel or Jew

Week 4 & 5 - The Need for Redemption:  
Sin (1:18-3:20)

Week 6 & 7 - The Provision of Redemption:  
Justification (3:21-5:21)

Week 8 & 9 - The Effect of Redemption:  
Sanctification (6:1-8:39)

Week 10 & 11 - The Scope of Redemption:  
Jew and Gentile (9:1-11:36)

Week 12 - The Fruit of Redemption:  
Service (12:1-15:13)

Week 13 - Conclusion and Love  
Expressed:  
Greetings and Salutation (16:1-27)

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## The Author

- The apostle Paul - Rom. 1:1
- He was a Jew, from sect of Pharisees (leading sect of Israel), Student of famous rabbi, Gamaliel
- He was passionate about the traditions of Israel and Torah of Moses
- He viewed Jesus and His followers as a threat
- (Acts 22:1-21, Acts 26:2-7, Phil. 3:3-6, Gal. 1:11-24)

## The Person

- Paul was a man of fearless conviction - before & after! (Acts 22:3-4)
- Paul was a man of action – No armchair theologian! (1 Cor. 15:10-11, 2 Cor. 11:22-29, Gal. 6:17)
- Paul was a man of deep compassion! (9:1-3)
- Paul was a man of prayer! (1:8-10, Eph. 1:15-19 3:14-19)
- Paul was a man of humility! “least / not fit to be apostle” (1Cor 15:7)

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## Written from Where & When

- ❑ Most likely from Corinth during 3<sup>rd</sup> Missionary Journey (AD55-57)

## Written to Whom

- ❑ The Christians in Rome (capital of Roman empire)
- ❑ Church beginning most likely new believers from Pentecost (Acts 2:10-11) or others like Priscilla and Aquila (Ch. 16 ref.)
- ❑ While Rome was predominantly Gentile, the church was made up of both Jew and Gentile believers (11:13, 17-32; 15:4ff)



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## About Rome

- ❑ Rome was very large population (approx. 1 Mill. Within 10 sq. mile)
- ❑ Ruled by (monarchical) Emperors – Called “Caesars”
- ❑ Rome prided itself on one main priority – “*Pax Romana*” (Peace of Rome), which it accomplished with an “iron hand”
- ❑ This “Peace of Rome” guaranteed people could live and travel within the empire with relative easy & safety (Ref. Acts 22 - 28)
- ❑ However, Rome was a very violent and wicked world. Persecution was always present and this threat would continue to grow against the new community of believers.
- ❑ The emperors didn't mind adding another “god” to their pantheon to share in their self-imposed glory, but the King of kings had a much higher calling for His followers!
- ❑ This certainly could have caused some to think that now under the authority of Christ, they were free from Rome sovereignty (Ch. 14?)

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## Why Paul Wrote

- ❑ To announce Paul's impending visit and express his deep love for them in person so they both may be encouraged (1:10-11, 15:22-24)
- ❑ To inform them of his purpose to delivery support to needy saints in Jerusalem from churches in Macedonia and Achaia regions (15:25-29)
- ❑ To inform them of his expanding preaching itinerary, all the way to Spain (no more places in eastern empire) (15:28-29)

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## The Main Purpose and Message

- ❑ To “UNIFY” the divided church (Ref. Acts 18:1-2)
- ❑ To “DECLARE” (make clear) the doctrine of justification by faith apart from the works of LAW
- ❑ To “DEFEND” against false teaching that stated that the logical end of justification by faith is for people to sin more so that God’s grace may be declared even more in His forgiveness.
- ❑ To “CORRECT” the Jews misunderstanding of “Paul’s gospel” of pure grace through a crucified Christ who offered Himself to all mankind (Jew and Gentile), with a result that the majority of Jews would be “unblessed” and “severed” from the Messianic blessings and fall under condemnation before God.



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## Paul Drafts Roman Letter Into Four Main Points

- ❑ Ch. 1-4: Reveals God's righteousness and man's sinfulness
- ❑ Ch. 5-8: That God provides reconciliation through the promised Messiah (A new community of people based on resurrection of the King of kings!)
- ❑ Ch. 9-11: When God ultimately fulfills His promise to "all Israel"
- ❑ Ch. 12-16: So it's this "Good News" (The Gospel) that will ultimately bring about a new community of unified, God focused, righteous loving people (The Church)



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**Week 1:  
Paul's Introduction & Prelude  
(1:1-17, 15:22-33)**







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## Concerning Paul: 1:1-7

- ❑ A Serving Man – “a bond-servant”
- ❑ A Sent Man – “called as an apostle”
- ❑ A Separated Man – “set apart for the gospel of God”
- ❑ A Savior Focused Man – “concerning His Son”
- ❑ A Purposed Focused Man – “through whom we have received grace,” to bring about “the obedience of faith among all Gentiles”

## Concerning The Christians In Rome: 1:8-15

- ❑ They Were “Praise Worthy” - *your faith is proclaimed throughout whole world (1:8)*
- ❑ They Were “Prayer Worthy” - *make mention of you in my prayers (1:10)*
- ❑ They Were “Fellowship Worthy” - *established and encouraged together by one another (11-12), “that I may come to you in joy...and find refreshing rest in your company.” (15:32)*

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## Concerning The Gospel: 1:16-17

- ❑ In these two verses are found the overall theme of Paul's epistle – “It's the Gospel!”
  - ❑ It's Nature – **POWER** to save!
  - ❑ It's Origin – From **GOD**!
  - ❑ It's Scope – For **EVERYONE** who believes!
  - ❑ It's Aim – For **SALVATION**!
  - ❑ It's Respectability – Nothing to be **ASHAMED** of!
  - ❑ It's Content – The **RIGHTEOUSNESS** of God is **REVEALED**!
  - ❑ It's Result – From **FAITH TO FAITH**!
- ❑ “For I am **NOT ASHAMED** of the gospel”

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Concerning The Gospel: 1:16-17

So, how does Hab. 2:4 fit in to Paul's thesis statement?

1<sup>st</sup> - It highlights how sinful people become righteous....**BY FAITH!**

2<sup>nd</sup> - It explains how righteous people now live in light of God's grace...**BY FAITH!**

3<sup>rd</sup> - It reveals that righteousness is based on **FAITH**, or "***in order to produce***" **FAITH**.