

Romans The Gospel of Grace

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Let's Set The Context for the Book of Romans

Paul was writing to Christians in the church at Rome.
He was in Corinth at the time.

Paul had never been to Rome, so who founded this church?
We don't know! But we have a likely answer.
Romans were in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost in 30-31 AD.

Christians had been "tolerated" by the government till the early '50's.
A shift in leadership resulted in greater brutality toward Christians.
Paul wrote to the church at Rome in about 57 AD.

Roman Emperor Nero went mad by 64 AD.
The persecution of Christians was merciless!
The believers in Rome desperately needed encouragement.

Romans 15:13



"Now may the God of
hope fill you with all joy
and peace in believing, that
you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy
Spirit."

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Significance of the Book of Romans

A clear, organized statement of Christian doctrine, theology, and practice



“The Christian Constitution”

Some have called Romans the constitution of the Christian faith — a doctrinal charter for the church.



A structured statement of doctrine

Written as an organized presentation of theology, doctrine, and practice. It sets forth the doctrine of justification by faith in a systematic manner.



A roadmap for grace and faith

It is a foundational guide for how believers live out grace and faith day by day.



It dispels the big lie

The lie that sin does not have to be dealt with is dealt with in Romans.

Romans Has A Message for All!

- To the unsaved it offers a clear exposition of their sinful, lost condition and God's righteous plan for saving them.
- New believers learn of their identification with Christ and of victory through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Mature believers find never-ending delight in its wide spectrum of Christian truth: doctrinal, prophetic, and practical.”

— *William MacDonald, Believer's Bible Commentary*



The Use of Key Words in Romans

Repetition reveals the underlying messages

78

“Law”

times

66

“Righteousness”

times

62

“Faith”

times

30

“Justify /
justification”

times

These four words carry the message of the Book of Romans

The law exposes sin and God justifies the sinner by faith alone in Christ alone — declaring him righteous.

Theme of Romans:

The Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus

1

The Wrath of God

1:18–3:20

Righteousness needed – The whole world is guilty!

2

The Grace of God

3:21–8:39

Righteousness imputed – Justified as a gift by God through Christ Jesus

Righteousness imparted – Because of our union with Christ, we have died to sin and are alive to God in Christ Jesus

3

The Plan of God

9–11

His plan is for all who believe

He is NOT finished with Israel

4

The Will of God

12–16

Righteousness practiced in relation to the church, society, government, other believers.

Be imitators of Christ!

Paul's Salutation & Interest

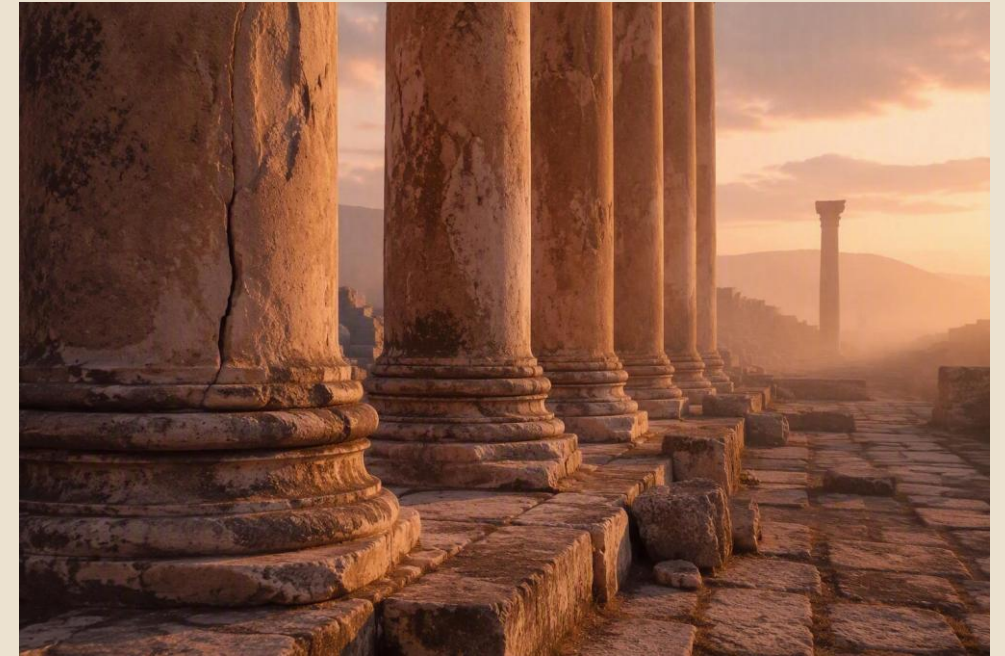
Romans 1:1–12

Paul's Salutation

“Bond servant” refers to one who voluntarily takes the position of a slave, with no rights or will of his own. He does always and only the will of the Master. In the case of Paul, who had been a Pharisee and persecutor of Christians, his life was turned around on the road to Damascus about 24-26 years earlier (Acts 9). He was sold out to Jesus!!

Paul's Interest and Desire to Lift Their Spirits

1. He affirmed them (V. 8)
2. He assured them that he was praying for them (V. 9)
3. He expressed his desire to be with them (V. 10)
4. He promised to assist them in 2 ways (VV. 11-12)



“For I want very much to see you, so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you, that is, to be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.” Romans 1:11-12

The background image is a full-page landscape. It features a wide, winding river that flows from the upper right towards the bottom center of the frame. The river is surrounded by lush green fields and small clusters of trees. In the distance, a range of mountains is visible under a sky filled with large, dark, and textured clouds. A bright, golden light, likely from a low sun, breaks through the clouds in the center, creating a dramatic, high-contrast scene with long shadows and highlights across the landscape.

Our Bible Study For This Week

“True Power”

Romans 1:13–25

Gospel Power

Romans 1:13–17



A fruitful ministry

Paul desired evangelism and discipleship among the believers in Rome.



An obligation to preach

Paul believed he was obligated to preach the Gospel to all people.



Not ashamed of the Gospel

Paul was undeterred by the fear of what others thought. He recognized the Gospel as being “the power of God for salvation” AND “in it was the righteousness of God is revealed.”



The righteous will live by faith

God does NOT justify people by their works!
“It’s NOT your grasp on Christ that saves you!
It’s Christ!” Charles Spurgeon

“We are righteous when we are (1) right with God, (2) right with man, (3) right with self, and (4) right with the environment.” Richard Rogers

Divine Revelation

Romans 1:18–20

God's holy / righteous anger toward sin

- God has a constant and insistent displeasure with sin.
- Truth was given to man (vv. 19–20), but he rejected it (vv. 21–32).
- God's wrath is revealed in the Old and New Testaments: the Great Flood (Gen 7), Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen 19), the punishment of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram (Num 16:32).
- His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen by all mankind.
- His attributes are apparent to those who will seek Him — people ignore His power and nature in creation and are without excuse.
- It has continuously been revealed to mankind.

How is God's wrath being revealed in 2026?

- He has given men over to uncleanness (1:24)
- He has given men over to vile affections (1:26)
- He has given men over to reprobate minds (1:28)
- He breaks through into human history to show His displeasure through disease, disasters, and other forms of havoc - - while man continues in sin.

“God is love, which is why He will not stand idly by while evil consumes His creation.” Chuck Swindoll

Question: Why do men need the Gospel? They are lost without it and the wrath of God is evident.

Worthless Thinking

Romans 1:21–25 — Mankind's 7 downward steps

1 They knew God

2 They did not glorify Him as God

3 They did not show gratitude

4 Their thinking became worthless

5 Their senseless hearts were darkened

6 They claimed to be wise, but became fools

7 They exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man, birds, four-footed animals, and reptiles

Applications for Today's Scriptures

Romans 1:13–25

1

God's Righteousness Imputed

The righteousness we need is not earned but credited to us by God through faith in Christ.

2

Share the Gospel's power

We must seek opportunities to share the power of the Gospel with the lost.

3

Point others to God

We can point others to God through what He has revealed in His creation.

4

Rejection has consequences

Rejecting God ultimately leads to devastating consequences.

“The righteous will live by faith.” — Romans 1:17

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Coming Judgment

A study in Romans 2

**God will judge every person according to
their response to Him.**