

# THE BOOK OF ROMANS

## Context

### Why study Romans? 1Corinthians 11.1

In Romans we see the \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul, saturated with the truth of Christ (and we need that same mind).

In Romans we see the \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul, full of desire to fulfill the mission (and we need that same heart).

In Romans we see the \_\_\_\_\_ of Paul to live every day for the glory of God in Jesus Christ (and we need to see more of that same effort in God's people today!).

### **I. The Dispensational Context of Romans: How does Romans fit into the plan of God?**

- A. (Mat 4.17) First Coming of Christ: Offer of the Kingdom
- B. (Mat 12.23) Recognition of the offer by many Jews
- C. (Mat 12.24) Rejection of the offer by the Jewish leaders
- D. (Luke 23.34) Key request on the cross: Forgiveness
- E. The Second Offer of the Kingdom: Acts 1-7 (specifically: Acts 3.19-21; 7.51-60)
- F. The Dispensational Transition: Israel to the Church, Jew to Gentile, the Twelve to Paul
- G. Romans: The foundational doctrines for the Church and the Church Age

### **II. The Historical Context of Romans: When and why did Paul write Romans?**

**A. When Did Paul Write Romans?** Romans 15.22-25, 26-27; Acts 20.1-3; 16

**B. Why Did Paul Write Romans?**

1. Why did Paul write the Romans instead of visiting them?
2. Before writing Romans: Romans 1.13; 15.22 (cf. vv20-21, 19, 22-24)
3. When he wrote Romans: Romans 15.25-27; Acts 20.16; 20.22-24 (cf. Lev 23-15-22; Dt 16.16)
4. After he visited Jerusalem: Romans 15.24, 28, 29 (cf. Rom 1.13-15)
5. Since Paul could not get there in person, he wrote the Romans what he wanted to preach to them.
  - a) Romans is the Gospel message that Paul preached presented in the way Paul preached it.
    - (1) In the Book of Romans we see our \_\_\_\_\_: Preach the Gospel.
    - (2) In the Book of Romans we see the \_\_\_\_\_ of our mission: The Gospel.
    - (3) In the Book of Romans we see the \_\_\_\_\_ of presenting the message of the Gospel in order to fulfill our mission.
  - b) Romans is a Missions Manual:

In Romans we see the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel, the \_\_\_\_\_ of presenting the Gospel in order to fulfill the \_\_\_\_\_ we have been given in Christ.

### **Assignment: Read through Romans, preferably in one sitting (all 16 chapters in one sitting).**

- Before reading it, review this lesson's notes, especially the final points about the occasion of the letter.
- Also, look over the book chart and “keys” that are provided in this handout. Pay particular attention to the “Key Outline” (which is a simplification of the book chart).

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## The Revelation of the Righteousness of God

Chapters 1-8			Chapters 9-16	
Doctrinal Exposition The Revelation of Righteousness in Salvation			Practical Application The Revelation of Righteousness in Sanctification	
Chapters 1-8			Chapters 9-11	Chapters 12-16
Doctrinal Establishment of Doctrine Doctrinal Exposition			Dispensational Explanation of Israel National Explanation	Practical Exhortation to Ministry Personal Application
Chapters 1-4		Chapters 5-8	Chapters 9-11	Chapters 12-16
Salvation from Sins  The Wrath of God		Salvation from Sin  The Way of God	Sanctification Rejected in Judaism  The Wisdom of God	Sanctification Reproduced in the Church  The Will of God
Chapters 1-3	Chapters 4-6	Chapters 7-8	Chapters 9-11	Chapters 12-16
Genesis “Ruin Through Sin”	Exodus “Redemption Through Blood”	Leviticus “Communion Through Sacrifice”	Numbers “Direction Through the World”	Deuteronomy “Instruction Through the Word”

**Key Theme:** Romans is a book about the revelation of the righteousness of God.

**Key Word:** “righteousness” (righteous, righteousness, etc.)

**Key Passage:** Romans 1.16-17

**Key Location:**

- Date: Written by the Apostle Paul from Greece in about AD 60.
- Correlation: Written toward the end of Paul's third missionary journey, probably in Acts 20.3.

**Key Picture and Type:** In Romans Christ is portrayed as “Our Righteousness.”

**Key Outline:**

- I. (Rom 1-8) Doctrinal Exposition: The Revelation of Righteousness in Salvation
  - A. (Rom 1-4) Salvation from Sins: The Revelation of the Wrath of God
  - B. (Rom 5-8) Salvation from Sin: The Revelation of the Way of God
- II. (Rom 9-16) Practical Application: The Revelation of Righteousness in Sanctification
  - A. (Rom 9-11) Sanctification Rejected in Judaism
  - B. (Rom 12-16) Sanctification Reproduced in the Church