

R O M A N S

God's Good News for All People

#1 The Letter That Changed The World

Author: **PAUL** the apostle

Recipients: The Christians in the city of **ROME** Date: **56-58AD**

Occasion:

Genre: Personal letter with theological reflections and teachings

Theme: **The GOSPEL of God!**

Romans 1:1 (NIV) *Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for **the gospel of God**— ² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.*

General Outline:

1. Good News Needed by **EVERYONE** – Chps 1-3
2. Good News Provided by God Through **JESUS** – Chps 3-8
3. Good News for **ISRAEL** Chps 9-11
4. Good News Lived Out in Daily **RELATIONSHIPS** - Chps 12-14
5. Good News Spreading Throughout the **WORLD** – Chps 15-16

Key Verses: *Romans 1:16-17*

Impact of Romans:

Famous verses:

Structure: The Gospel Pattern

DOCTRINAL: Truth to **BELIEVE**, Vertical, Indicative, Declaring What God has Done for Us (Romans 1-11)

PRACTICAL: Truth to **LIVE**, Horizontal, Imperative, Instructing What God's People Should Do (Romans 12-16)

Flow of Thought:

1. THE BAD NEWS: Jews and Gentiles alike all fall short of God's Righteous Standard and are all deserving of judgment 1:1-3:20 **CONDEMNATION**
2. THE GOOD NEWS: God Himself made a way through Christ to pardon guilty sinners and legally declare them righteous in His sight 3:21-5:21 **JUSTIFICATION**
3. MORE GOOD NEWS: By uniting believers spiritually with Jesus, God also broke the reign of sin over their lives, freeing them to serve and obey a new Master 6:1-8:17 **SANCTIFICATION**
4. EVEN MORE GOOD NEWS: Even though in this life believers will struggle against the sinful desires inherent in their humanity, God promises both present power to overcome and ultimately, complete deliverance 7:1-8:39 **GLORIFICATION**
5. GOOD NEWS FOR JEWS: Even though Israel soundly rejected God's Messiah, God has not totally abandoned them and is sovereignly acting to preserve a remnant of believing Jews for Himself who will ultimately be saved 9:1-11:36 **ELECTION**
6. RESPONDING TO ALL THIS GOOD NEWS: The only reasonable response to all of God's activity in the Gospel is for both Jewish and Gentile believers to completely surrender their entire lives to Jesus, and devote themselves to serving their new Master in all relationships and spheres of life 12:1-15:13 **CONSECRATION**
7. SPREADING THE GOOD NEWS: Believers are called by God to sacrifice for the sake of helping God's Church advance this Gospel message throughout the world so that all people might hear God's Good News 15:14-16:27 **EVANGELIZATION**

Challenges to Accept in Order to Receive the Most Benefit:

1. **Make weekend worship a PRIORITY.**
2. **Participate in a SMALL GROUP.**
3. **Marinate your MIND in Romans.**
4. **Prepare to be STRETCHED.**
5. **Memorize KEY VERSES.**
6. **Be open to what God will say to YOU!**