
THE BOOK OF ROMANS: Letting Romans Change Me

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“Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God’s will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other’s faith, both yours and mine. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.” *Romans 1:1–15, ESV*

Written by: Paul

“Even so, I have been bold enough to write about some of these points, knowing that all you need is this reminder. For by God’s grace, I am a special messenger from Christ Jesus to you Gentiles. I bring you the Good News so that I might present you as an acceptable offering to God, made holy by the Holy Spirit.” *Romans 15:15–16, NLT*

Date: AD 57-58

Place: Corinth

The Reason for Writing

“In fact, my visit to you has been delayed so long because I have been preaching in these places. But now I have finished my work in these regions, and after all these long years of waiting, I am eager to visit you. I am planning to go to Spain, and when I do, I will stop off in Rome. And after I have enjoyed your fellowship for a little while, you can provide for my journey. But before I come, I must go to Jerusalem to take a gift to the believers there.” *Romans 15:22–25, NLT*

Who Founded the Church in Rome?

Subject: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

Romans Is the Great Gospel Manifesto to The World

Key Verse:

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”
Romans 1:16–17, ESV

Getting into The Book of Romans

1. Romans Is a Book of Doctrine
2. Romans Is a Book of Life
3. Romans Is a Book for The Church
4. Romans Is a Personal Letter
5. Romans is a Book of the Transformed Life of the Believer

Opening My Life for Romans to Change Me

1. Start Reading the Book of Romans
2. Take Notes on Each Chapter

*Sample Summary for Each Chapter – *J. Vernon McGee*

- 1) Theme of Chapter:
- 2) Most Important Verse:
- 3) Most Prominent Word:
- 4) Teaching About Christ:
- 5) Command to Obey:
- 6) Promise to Claim:
- 7) New Truth Learned: