

ROMANS 01

Introduction

1. Purpose of Studying Romans

- a. *Romans* is the chief doctrinal book about the gospel of salvation for today
- b. This is the book for beginners, and the mature; it is simple, yet profound.
- c. It's responsible for saving more saints than any other book: Luther, Wesley, you.
- d. To understand the revelation of the mystery of Christ to Paul - Rom 16:25

2. What to Expect

- a. Dispensational context:
 - i. Better than dates is the placement in Acts: Acts 19:21-20:3, Rom 15:19
 - ii. The foundation of the BoC still being built, but after the Acts 15 council
 - iii. Delivered by Phebe, written at Corinth: Acts 19:22, Rom 16:23, 1Cor 1:14
 - iv. Paul was laying a foundation among the "heathen" – Rom 15:20
 - v. Paul appeals to Roman Jews about the gospel – Acts 28:16-28
- b. Audience: Romans: The Roman Empire expanded the entire Mediterranean
 - i. Romans: Acts 2:10, 10:1, 16:21, 18:2, 22:25; Heb 13:24, Phil 4:22, Rom 1:8, 16:7
 - ii. Who started the church? Not Paul, nor Peter, word of mouth -Rom 6:17
 - iii. No proof the Twelve ever went to Rome - Acts 8:1, 11:19-21, Gal 2:7-9
 - iv. There were probably several "churches" in Rome – Rom 16:5, 16:10-15
 - v. Gentiles → Rom 1:5-7, 13, 2:9-10; Jews → Rom 2:14-17; and Cornelius? 11:13
- c. Purpose: Establishment in sound doctrine: Rom 1:11, 16:25, Col 2:7
- d. Theme: Paul's gospel: Rom 1:1, 5-8, 15-16, 2:16, 11:25-28, 15:16, 20, 16:25
 - i. 'Righteousness', 'grace', 'faith', 'law' used more than any other epistle

3. Popular Passages

- a. "Romans road" Makes a mess of Romans - 3:23, 6:23, 5:8, 10:9-13, 5:1, 8:1
- b. Prooftexts: Romans 1:20 (creationists), 2:28-29 (spiritual Israel), 6:14 (antinomian)
- c. Calvinism taught from not rightly dividing the doctrine in Romans 8-9

4. Brief Outline of Romans

- a. (1-8) – The Gospel of Christ – Rom 1:1, 16
 - i. (1-3) – The rejection of righteousness: 1:18, 1:28, 2:5, 3:10
 - ii. (3-5) – Salvation (God's Righteousness): 3:21, 3:26, 4:5, 5:1
 - iii. (5-8) – Position (Identification doctrines): 6:4, 6:23, 7:4, 8:9, 8:14
- b. (9-11) – Israel's election (9), rejection (10), and the remnant (11)
- c. (12-16) – Practical Instructions
 - i. (12) – Behavior towards members of the body – Rom 12:5
 - ii. (13) – Behavior towards higher powers – Rom 13:1-3
 - iii. (14) – Behavior towards weaker brothers – Rom 14:1
 - iv. (15) – Behavior towards the remnant – Rom 15:8, 27
 - v. (16) – Salutations and warnings – Rom 16:17