

THE BOOK OF ROMANS
Chapter 1:1-17

- I. The Book of Romans
 - A. Author: God, the **Divine** Author; Paul, the Apostle, the **human** author 1:1
 - B. Recipients: The Christians in Rome 1:7
 - C. Theme: The *Gospel* of Jesus Christ 1:1-4, 14, 16-17
 - D. Time of Writing: The end of Paul's **third** missionary journey, and just before his return to Jerusalem with the offering for the poor believers there. This offering came from the churches in Macedonia and Achaia. 15:26
 - E. Key Verses: 1:16-17

- II. Brief outline of the Book:
 - I. Introduction 1:1-17
 - II. **Salvation** 1:18-8:39
 - III. Sovereignty 9-11
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 - V. Conclusion 15:14-16

- III. Introduction 1:1-17
 - A. Greeting Vs 1-7
 - 1. The **human** author Vs 1-6
 - a. Paul's **authority** Vs 1-4
 - (1) *Servant of Jesus Christ*-one who gives themselves completely to the **wishes** of another person Vs 1a
 - (2) *An Apostle*-a person who has a face-to-face encounter with **Christ** (Cf Acts 9:1-6) and has been commissioned by Christ as a spokesperson for Christ Vs 1b
 - (3) Authority made possible by the **Gospel** of Jesus Christ Vs 2-4
 - b. Paul's **commission** Vs 5-6
 - 2. The recipients of the letter Vs 7
 - a. Christians living in Rome (Mainly **Gentile** believers) Vs 7a
 - b. **Loved** by God Vs 7b
 - c. Called saints by God Vs 7c
 - d. **Blessed** by God Vs 7d
 - B. The **subject** of the Letter Vs 8-17
 - 1. Paul's **interest** in the Believers at Rome Vs 8-13
 - a. He is thankful for them and their **testimony** as Christians Vs 8
 - b. He is praying for them Vs 9-10
 - c. He **hopes** to visit them (Paul had never been to Rome to visit the Christians) Vs 11-15
 - 2. Paul's **message** for the Believers at Rome Vs 16-17
 - a. The **Gospel**, of which Paul is not ashamed Vs 16a
 - 1. Because it is the power of God unto salvation Vs 16b
 - 2. Everyone who **believes** the Gospel experiences the power of God Vs 16c
 - b. Through the Gospel, the righteousness of God is **presented** Vs 17a
 - 1. The righteousness of God **received** by faith in Christ Vs 17b
 - 2. The righteousness of God was **revealed** in the written word of God (Habakkuk 2:4) Vs 17c