

# Rome in a Day

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## The Book of Romans

Detailed Outline from the Sermon on May 4, 2008

### Paul's Loaded Letter

The most important flyover – without an understanding of the progression of thought, we can miss the forest for the trees.

The longest of Paul's pastoral letters. Why? Paul must have understood the practical importance of the Roman church. And he might have been under less stress, since he was probably not imprisoned as he wrote.

The most theological and systematic -He knew their circumstances – Jewish and Gentile tensions; so many competing religions and philosophies and authorities

### The practical purpose

Clear teaching; good theology; a clear word to the Jew and Gentile ... a letter to be circulated.

### Where from and who to? (around 53-58 AD)

A church that was already taking form in Rome without his direct influence (last week...) needs theological clarity and accountability. He's writing from Corinth (?) giving them the very practical information that he'll be traveling through on the way to Spain, but...more. Offering to Jerusalem.

### The Statement of Purpose (1:1-17)

1. Servant and apostle
2. Jesus, son of David, son of God
3. My calling by grace – an apostleship to the Gentiles.
4. Obedience that is faith
5. Blessings
6. Thanksgiving
7. Self-introduction
8. Declaration

### Our Profound have Desperation (1:18 – 3:20)

People a real problem – God has a problem with wickedness and godlessness (behavioral and relational deficits)

### The Problems of Being Gentile (1:18-32)

God has self-revealed in nature enough good information about himself to make us all accountable, but guess what? We fall short.

### The Problem of Being Jewish (2:1-24)

Doubly accountable. You also have the law but break that too! (vs. 29)

### The Limits of the Law (2:25-3:20)

It both convinces you to follow God and then condemns your inability to do so. Its real power is in making us conscious of sin, but it has little power to help or actually cleanse us.

### God's Intervention (3:21-4:25)

#### God's Righteousness (3:21-22)

He makes righteousness possible. The law and prophets portend this

#### Our Faith (3:22; Chapter 4; 5:1-2)

In Jesus justifies us, cleanses us, redeems us, by God's grace. Why? Because God wanted to demonstrate his nature. (vs. 25)

#### God's Grace (3:24)

And a new kind of justice (which looks a lot more like mercy) is the point of it all. Our boasting spiritually is moot. It's all about God.

#### Christ's Sacrifice (3:25, 5:6-8)

It's all about Jesus and his sacrifice. And he is the God and Savior of Jews and Gentiles.

#### Full Coverage – Jew and Gentile (3:27-31)

One God for the circumcised and uncircumcised. One gospel. It doesn't nullify the law – it fulfills and upholds it. The law has played at its purpose. Chapter 4 – all about faith.

### New Life (5:1-8:39)

#### Reconciliation with God (5:6-11)

At one time even \_\_\_\_\_, but of the right time...

#### Death Dies (5:12-21)

#### Sin Resolved (6:1-7:25)

Though we still struggle... Romans 7:15

#### Baptism takes on new meaning (Romans 6)

#### Spirit Walking (8:1-27)

Live by the Spirit and find life and peace

#### Blessed Assurance (8:28-39)

Nothing can separate from his love; everything gets redeemed; God is for us; we are more than conquerors.

More About Jews and Gentiles (9:1-11:36)

Again, these chapters help us understand the specific issues at play.

Living This Faith (12:1-15:13)

Self-presentation and transformation (12:1-2)

Different gifts, one body...

The power of love (12:3-13:10)

Love must be sincere

Honor one another above yourselves

Leave no debt outstanding except to prove your love

A short list of good things (12:9-21)

Special considerations (14:1-15:13)

Eating and drinking and respect.

The strong make allowance for the weak; don't cause another to stumble

Personal Remarks and Blessings (15:14-16:27)

His hopes for them

His travel plans

The contribution for Jerusalem

A ton of greetings to and from

Final warning – watch out for those who cause divisions because of their appetite