

CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH

Studies in the Book of Romans

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Text: Rom.1:1-5

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AN INTRODUCTION TO ROMANS

INTRODUCTION No epistle in the New Testament can claim greater power and depth of God's truth for the Christian of every century than Paul's writings to the Romans. As such by common consent of Christian scholars and historians, Romans is the greatest letter Paul had ever written. Therefore, we would do well to study this inspired writing, given essentially by God through the Holy Spirit to one of the churches most prolific, learned, and intense servants who ever lived. So let's explore this epistle as we prepare to exposit its writings. In doing so we see...

I. THE ORIGIN OF ROMANS

- A) The City and its Enormity
- B) The Church and its Ethnicity

II. THE OCCASION FOR ROMANS

- A) Paul's Credentials for Writing
- B) Paul's Purpose in Writing

III. AN OUTLINE OF ROMANS

- A) An Explanation of Doctrine - (Chaps 1-11)
- B) An Emphasis on Duty - (Chaps 12-16)

CONCLUSION: Paul was determined to spread the Gospel everywhere. He had come to the realization that his work in the "east," was completed and now it was time to bring the Gospel of Christ to the "west." Paul intended to go through Rome to Spain and set up Rome as the base for evangelism there. To prepare the Romans for this work, Paul sent this letter to affirm the importance of the Gospel and evangelism of it. Moreover, that it is centered on the deep truths of the Christian faith as well as the duty of every believer to practice these truths in the godless world they lived. The Book of Romans is a book for today's Church and for you. May the Lord open it to you and bring spiritual refreshment and depth to your faith.

TEXT FOR MESSAGE

The New International Version

Paul's Introduction: I am God's Apostle

Rom 1:1-5 (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. 5 Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith.

Paul's Theme: Justification by faith

Rom 1:16-17 (NIV) I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."