
Introduction – First Stop

Book of Romans

“ROMANS, PAUL’S GREATEST WORK, IS PLACED FIRST AMONG HIS THIRTEEN EPISTLES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. WHILE THE FOUR GOSPELS PRESENT THE WORDS AND WORKS OF JESUS CHRIST, ROMANS EXPLORES THE SIGNIFICANCE OF HIS SACRIFICIAL DEATH. USING A QUESTION-AND-ANSWER FORMAT, PAUL RECORDS THE MOST SYSTEMATIC PRESENTATION OF DOCTRINE IN THE BIBLE. ROMANS IS MORE THAN A BOOK OF THEOLOGY; IT IS ALSO A BOOK OF PRACTICAL EXHORTATION. THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST IS MORE THAN FACTS TO BE BELIEVED; IT IS ALSO A LIFE TO BE LIVED—A LIFE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS BEFITTING THE PERSON “JUSTIFIED FREELY BY HIS [GOD’S] GRACE THROUGH THE REDEMPTION THAT IS IN CHRIST JESUS” (Ro 3:24).”¹

“IN THIS EPISTLE DOCTRINE AND GOSPEL MERGE, AND THE RESULT IS A SPIRITUAL FEAST FOR CHRISTIANS.”²

- 1) Who wrote the letter to the Romans? What do we know about the author?**

- 2) Where was the letter to the Romans written from? List some things we know about this church and where it was located.**

- 3) When do scholars believe the letter to the Romans was written? What historical context might have been relevant at that time? Note Romans 15:25-27 and cross-references**

¹ Wilkinson, B., & Boa, K. (1983). Talk thru the Bible. Nashville: T. Nelson.

² Cottrell, J. (1996). Romans (Vol. 1). Joplin, MO: College Press Pub. Co.

4) **Why did the author write this letter to the Romans? What is the main message or purpose behind it?**

Ro 1:13-15

Ro 15:22-24

Ro 15:28-29

Ro 15:30-33

5) **Can you identify the central theme of the letter to the Romans? Where in the text is this theme most prominently stated?**

6) **Study Romans 1:16; 10:14-17. Define “gospel” and describe the role of the gospel in man’s salvation (cf. Mark 16:15,16; 1 Corinthians 15:1-8).**

7) **Study Romans 2:17-20,25; 10:5; 3:19-23,28; 7:1-7. Define “law.” What law is primarily referred to in these verses? What problem did people have living under the law?**

8) **See Romans 5:1,2,20,21. Define “grace.” What advantage does grace have over law?**

9) **See Romans 5:1; 1:16; 10:13-17. Define “faith.” Why is faith important in the gospel?**

10) **Study Romans 2:5-11; 6:3,4,16-18. Define “obedience.” What is taught in these passages about the importance of obedience?**