



# SALVATION SERIES

Introduction - Paul



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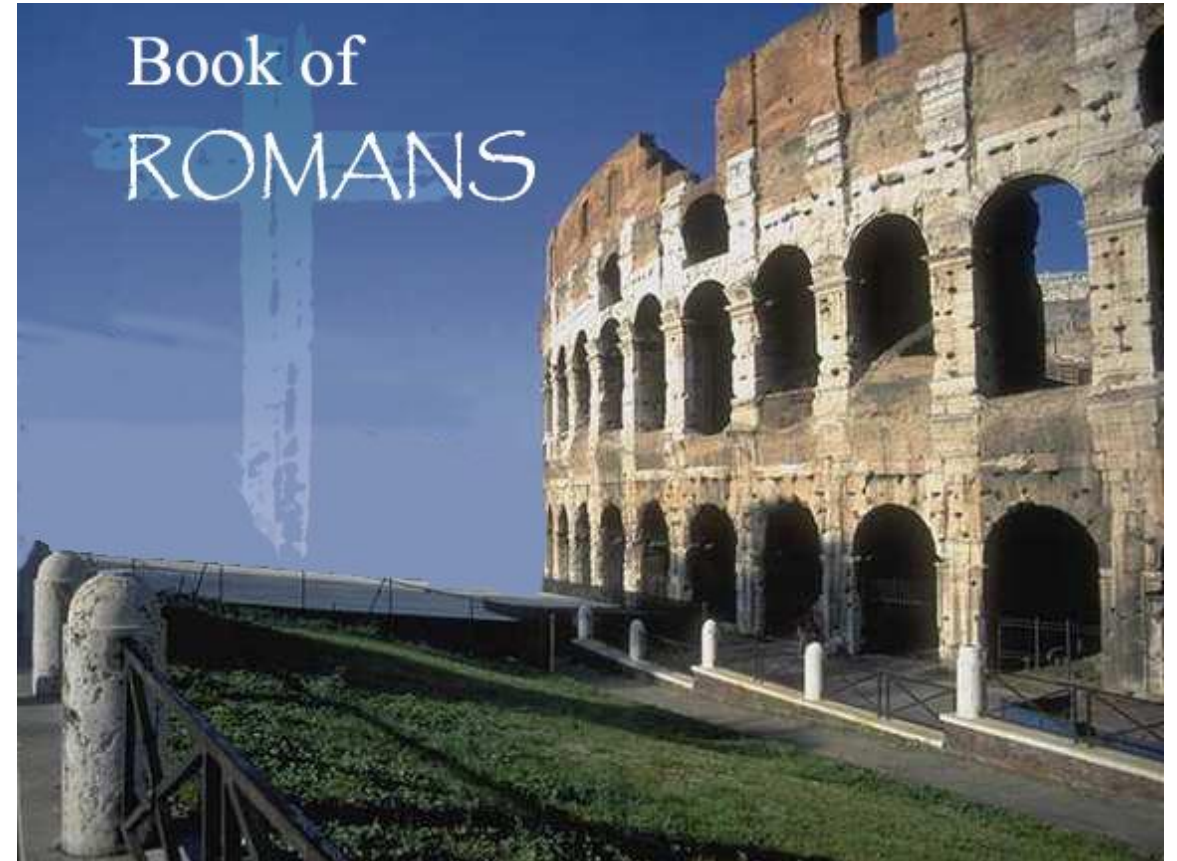
- We are about to begin a journey through the Book of Romans.
- The Epistle was written by the Apostle Paul and was reportedly done during his time in Corinth.
- This book according to theologians, has the most complete presentation of the central truths of the Gospel in one place
- If we do this Bible study well, our understanding and grasp of our faith will both be deepened and expanded.



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- Romans is commonly viewed as the strongest exposition and explanation of Christian doctrine.
- It is an organized and logical overview of profound truths which ground the believer in faith.
- It is full of great themes of Redemption, the guilt and fallibility of all mankind, the purpose of Christ's death and the free gift of salvation by faith alone.
- Through Church history, the exposition of Romans has sparked many revivals as the truth of God's Grace is revealed.



# Content...

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- **Key Themes in Romans**
- **Righteousness by Faith:** Paul emphasizes that righteousness comes through faith in Jesus Christ, not by works of the law (Romans 3:21-28). This aligns with his central teaching throughout his ministry.
- **Universal Need for Salvation:** Paul stresses that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory (Romans 3:23), underscoring the universal need for redemption through Christ.
- **God's Grace:** The transformative power of grace is a hallmark of Paul's message, highlighting God's love for humanity through the sacrificial death of Jesus.



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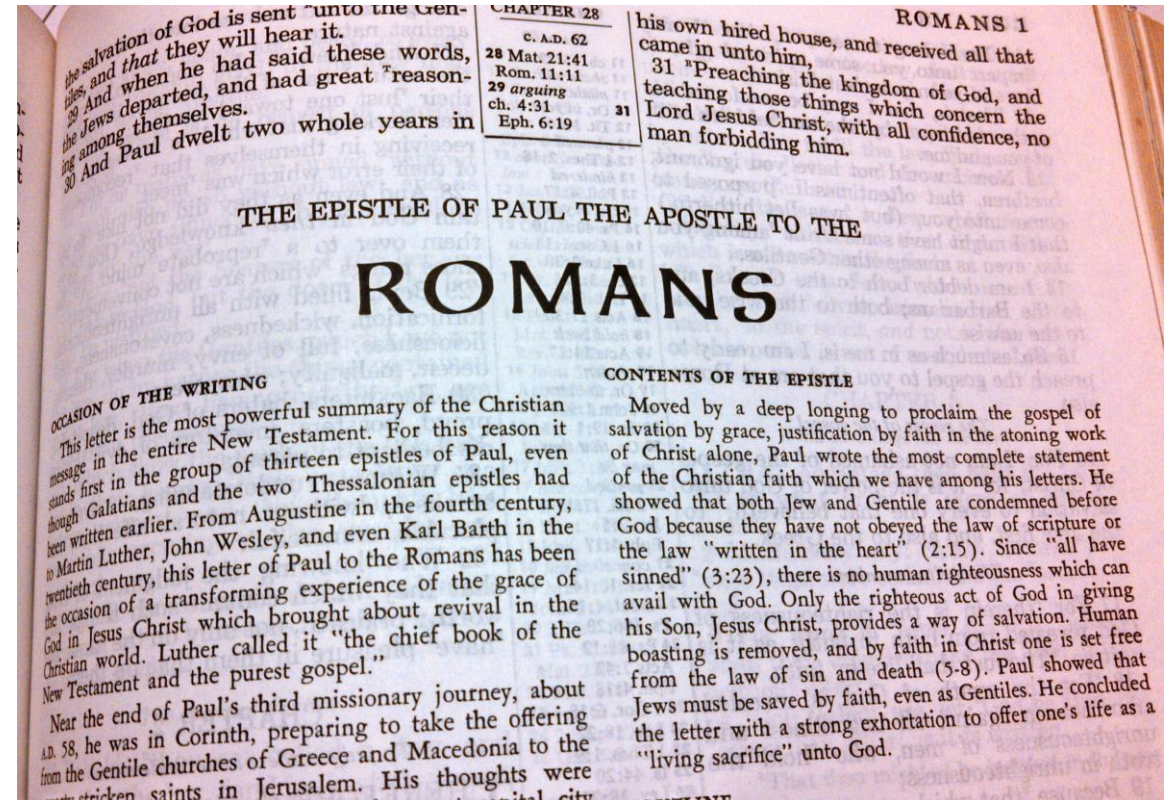
- **4. Unity in Christ:** Paul champions the inclusion of both Jews and Gentiles in God's plan of salvation, reflecting the gospel's universal reach (Romans 10:12-13).
- **5. Practical Christian Living:** Romans also offers practical instructions for living out the gospel, encouraging believers to be transformed by the renewing of their minds (Romans 12:1-2)
- and to pursue love and unity within the church (Romans 13:8-10).



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- The key sections of the book in layman's terms are:
- Roms 1: *The Man called Paul*
- Roms 1-3 *Mankind has fallen!*
- Roms 3-5 *God to the rescue!*
- Roms 6-8 *Man is rescued!!*
- Roms 9-11 *What about Jews?*
- Roms 12-15 *Life Application*
- Roms 15-16 *Conclusion*



# Action Point

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- As we begin this Bible study journey through ROMANS, can we try to do the following:
- Find time to reflect on the content of each lesson.
- If you live with other members of your Family or Christian friends, begin a weekly time of fellowship to discuss and read the Bible.
- Share with others whom you are in contact with and who will benefit from these studies.
- If you are part of a social media group, share these lessons with them.
- Let us now begin:



# Paul,....

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- *Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God <sup>2</sup> which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,*
- *<sup>3</sup> concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup> and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.*
- *<sup>5</sup> Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, <sup>6</sup> among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;*
- *<sup>7</sup> To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*
- Romans 1:1-7





# Of Tarsus...

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- The Apostle Paul, also known as Saul of Tarsus, is one of the most influential figures in Christian history and the author of the Epistle to the Romans.
- Born a Jew in the city of Tarsus (Acts 22:3), Paul was a Roman citizen and deeply educated in Jewish law under the renowned teacher Gamaliel (Acts 22:3; Acts 5:34).
- Before his conversion, Paul was a Pharisee who zealously persecuted Christians, believing their teachings to be blasphemous (Philippians 3:5-6; Acts 8:3).



# Damascus Road...

- Paul's dramatic encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-19) transformed him into a passionate follower of Christ.
- After his conversion, Paul dedicated his life to spreading the gospel, particularly to Gentiles,
- as he recognized God's calling to be "an apostle to the Gentiles" (Romans 11:13).
- Over the course of his ministry, Paul embarked on multiple missionary journeys,
- establishing churches, mentoring leaders, and addressing doctrinal and practical issues through his letters.



# AD 56

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- When Paul wrote Romans it was about AD 56, and he had not yet been to Rome.
- He had been preaching the Gospel since his conversion around AD 35.
- During the previous ten years as previously mentioned, he had founded Churches throughout the Mediterranean world.
- Now he was nearing the end of his third missionary journey.
- So this book is a mature statement of his understanding of the Gospel,



# Share This!

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- Read the first Chapter of ROMANS in various versions to get a grasp of its contents.
- Reflect on this Chapter with loved ones or friends.
- Write down or journal your thoughts and points
- Share with others and invite them to the next session.

