

Romans 1:1-17

Topic: Romans is probably the most read, studied, quoted, used book that's written in the NT. Paul wrote it around 57 A.D. and he just completed 3 missionary journeys. He was on his way to Spain, but he wanted to go through Rome. He saw a lot of poor outcast people, and he took up a collection from the gentiles for the Jews in Jerusalem. Rome was the center capital of the world at that time, so Paul wanted to go there and meet the people and share the word with them. This is the book he wrote to the Romans in anticipation of being with them shortly, but actually it was 3 years later that he arrived in Rome, as a prisoner of the Roman Guard. This is the simplest, plainest, and clearest book Paul ever wrote about Jesus Christ and salvation and what happens to a man without Christ. Man does have a savior and the end result is fantastic if they accept the Savior in their hearts.

Romans 1:1: "servant" in the Greek means "bond slave" to Christ. Paul is telling the Romans his position: a bond slave to Jesus Christ. There were more slaves in Rome than there were Roman citizens at that time. "Apostle" means "one who has sinned". "Separated unto the gospel of God" means Paul gave up all his worldly wealth and status to follow Jesus Christ.

Vs2: the Old Testament spoke of one coming in the future

Vs3: concerning the Son, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh. All through the Old Testament is the complete lineage of Jesus Christ. There is a scroll with the family tree, or genealogy, of Jesus Christ discovered recently. This is the human lineage of Jesus Christ as God has promised to do.

Vs4: Godly power is shown in Jesus Christ, miracles, healing, etc. He has complete power over nature and death, and He demonstrated it to prove who He really was / is.

Vs5: God tells us to go out and spread the Word. If we keep it within the walls of the church, it does no good. We are ambassadors of Jesus Christ, and we demonstrate Jesus Christ outside these walls by the way we behave.

Vs6: every person that is a Christian has been personally called by Jesus Christ. He chose you, He called you, and you are His forever after.

Vs7: this verse should read "called saints", set aside and sanctified by God and you are chosen and you are His. God wants you to have grace and peace in this life.

Vs8: to spread the Word, Paul aimed for Rome since at that time it was the center of the world, the hub of all. He could witness to many people at once. There were very wicked people in Rome at that time. They cared nothing for humanity, killed thousands for games, worshipped pagan gods...it was bad.

Vs9: Paul cares so much about these people even though they are Gentiles, he prays for them all the time. Keep an attitude of prayer, from the time you wake up to the time you go to sleep, pray on everything you do.

Vs10: Paul tells the Romans to pray about his coming to visit them and to pray about his upcoming trip.

Vs11: Paul is saying he wants to share from his spirit to the Roman's spirits the word of God so they may have the faith also. Paul's spiritual gift to them is being face-to-face sharing the Word of God and all the good things that are around from the Lord.

Vs12: We share mutual things that God has done for us at church, during fellowship time. This builds us all up spiritually.

Vs13: That's why the T.V. ministries are not the same. There is no interaction, and interaction is imperative for spiritual growth.

Vs14: Paul feels a debt to all of mankind here because of what Jesus Christ had given him about salvation and mankind that he needs to go tell everyone on the face of the earth that there is hope, a better way to live, and hope at the end of all.

Vs15: Paul says he'll still come to Rome and preach the gospel to them.

Vs16: if you were to take one verse out of the entire book of Romans, this is the verse. "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ". You should never be ashamed to talk about Him and share His gospel.

Vs17: "therein is a righteousness of God as it is written, the just shall live by faith." There is only one righteousness that comes from God. From beginning to end, it is a word called "faith" that gets the redemption from Jesus Christ.