

# The Book of Romans

## Introduction

The letter to the church in Rome was written by Paul from Corinth. Paul wished to visit Rome and this letter was to prepare them for his visit. When Paul wrote it, the Gospel had been preached through the Roman world for about a quarter of a century and many groups of Christians had come into existence. Many questions had come out of these groups such as whether a Gentile believer had equal standing with Jewish believers, and Paul addresses these specific questions.

Romans is the most complete, most logical, and clearest presentation of the Christian faith to be found anywhere in the NT. Romans has been a powerful influence on my great people for centuries. St. Augustine, Martin Luther, and John Wesley were converted while studying Romans

## Brief Outline:

- **All Are in Need of Salvation (Chapters 1-3)**
- **All Can Receive Salvation (Chapters 3-11)**
- **All Can Succeed through Salvation (Chapters 12-16)**

\*\*\*\**In Romans, the first parts tells us what God did for us, and the last section tells us what we should do for God!*

**Key Idea:** Come to God clothed in His righteousness

**Key Verses:** 1:16-17 – *"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believeth; to the Jew first, and also then to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, the just shall live by faith."*

## The Message of Romans

### **I. All Are in Need of Salvation (1-2)**

In these first chapters Paul stresses that both Jew and Gentile are equally unrighteous before a completely righteous God. There is nothing any person can do to increase their standing before this God. Listen to these words from Romans 3:10-13 *"There is none righteous, no, not one; There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. They have all turned aside"*

### **Personal Application:**

**Paul identifies 2 types of people that need Jesus Christ. Who do you know in one of these groups that YOU need to share the Good News with?**

#### **1. Those who are Lost and who do not know Jesus at all**

There are over 6000 entire people groups who will live and die and NEVER hear the name of Jesus

**2. Those who believe that they are righteous before God based on their good works** – This is widespread in America!

### **II. All Can Receive Salvation! (4-11)**

Romans 4:5 both opens and summarizes this section – " But to him who does not work but believes on Him who **justifies the ungodly**, his faith is accounted for righteousness

How can God declare guilty sinners as innocent? How can God both completely punish sin and completely demonstrate His love and mercy?

## **The Romans Road:**

### **Who needs salvation?**

Romans 3:23 – *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”*

### **Why do I need salvation?**

Sin’s Penalty - Romans 6:23a – *“For the wages of sin is death”*

### **How is salvation possible?**

God’s Alternative – Romans 6:23b – *“but the gift of God is **eternal life** through Jesus Christ our Lord”*

Romans 5:8 - *“But God demonstrated His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us”*

### **Who can receive salvation?**

Romans 10:13 - *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*

### **How can I be saved?**

Romans 10:9-10 - *9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

### **Can you lose your salvation?**

Romans 8:38-39 - *For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

## **Personal Application: Are you able to lead someone to faith in Jesus Christ?**

### **III. All Can Succeed through Salvation! (12-16)**

Romans 12:1-2

*“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God”*

This verse begins an incredible section on how our salvation through Jesus Christ should affect every area of our life! Paul says that our salvation should be seen in:

Chapter 12 – How we Treat Non-Believers

Chapter 13 – How we Live Godly lives in an ungodly Society

Chapter 14-15 – How we Treat Fellow Christians

Chapter 16 lists 28 different people by name that Paul recommends are displaying an exemplary Christian life!

### **Application: Would our names have been on this list?**