

ROMANS- AN INTRODUCTION

AUTHOR-	Paul the apostle (1:1)
RECIPIENTS-	The churches in Rome (1:7; 16:3-16)
DATE-	55-58 A.D written from Corinth (16:1-2)
PURPOSE-	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Collection (15:25-33)2. The Mission to Spain (15:23-25)3. Unity of Jew and Gentile among the Roman churches (14:1- 15:13)4. The Logic of the Gospel itself (1:1-7; 16:25-27)
THEME-	The righteousness of God (1:16-17)

STRUCTURE-

The gospel as the revelation of God's righteousness	(1:1-1:17; 16:25-27)
God's righteousness in his wrath against sinners	(1:18-3:20)
The justifying righteousness of God in Christ and by faith	(3:21-5:21)
Righteousness, the Law, and assurance in the Christian life	(6:1-8:39)
God's righteousness in election and to Israel and the Gentiles	(9:1-11:36)
Righteousness in obedience to authorities and in the relationships in the church	(12:1-15:13)
The extension of God's righteousness in Paul's mission	(15:14-16:24)

ROMANS 1:1-7

THE GOSPEL OF GOD

1. UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOSPEL IS PROMISED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Romans 1:2-3; The gospel he [*God*] promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his human nature [*according to the flesh*] was a descendant of David,

2 Samuel 7:12-14 When your days [*David's*] are over and you rest with your fathers, I [*God*] will raise up your offspring to succeed you, who will come from your own body, and I will establish his kingdom. 13 He is the one who will build a house for my Name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. 14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with the rod of men, with floggings inflicted by men.

2. UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOSPEL IS ESTABLISHED BY THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Romans 1:4 and who through the Spirit of holiness [*according to the Spirit of holiness*] was declared with power to be the Son of God [*Son of God-with-power*] by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord

3. UNDERSTAND THAT THE GOSPEL CALLS FOR FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

Romans 1:5 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 [*the obedience of faith*];

Romans 16:25-27 Now to him who is able to establish you by my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery hidden for long ages past, 26 but now revealed and made known through the prophetic writings by the command of the eternal God, so that all nations might believe and obey him [*made known to all nations for the obedience of faith*] -- 27 to the only wise God be glory forever through Jesus Christ! Amen.