

An Overview of the Book of Romans

Romans 1:1-17

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"the quintessence and perfection of saving doctrine." —Thomas Draxes

"...purest Gospel..." -Martin Luther

1.) A Gospel Introduction (1:1-17)

A.) Paul Introduces His Authority (v. 1-7)

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle...(v. 1)

B.) Paul Introduces His Heart (v. 8-15)

Read verse 11

Read Verse 15

C.) Paul Introduces His Message (v. 16-17)

Read verse 17.

2.) Our Gospel Need (1:18-3:20)

Read Romans 1:18-20

A.) We Have a Great Gospel Need Because We are Unrighteous (1:18-20)

B.) The Gentiles are Unrighteous (1:18-32)

C.) The Jews Are Unrighteous (2:1-3:8)

Read Romans 2:1

Read Romans 2:19-23

D.) All of Humanity is Unrighteous (3:9-20)

Read Romans 3:9-20

- i.) Equally Guilty
- ii.) Equally Powerless

3.) A Great Gospel Supply (3:21-6:23)

Read Romans 3:21-24

A.) The Righteousness of God Revealed (3:21-31)

B.) The Righteousness of God is Given By Faith (4)

Read Romans 4:2-5

C.) The Benefits of Justification By Faith (5)

*...we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand... (Rom 5:1-2)*

Read Romans 6:1-4

D.) Can We Keep Sinning? You Cannot (6)

"...become obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered." Romans 6:17

4.) About a Gospel Life (7-8)

A.) Not Governed by Law (7)

- i.) A Stumbling Block for the Jews
- ii.) The Law Here is Not Referring to Commandments, but as a Covenant

Read Romans 7:1-4

B.) But Driven by The Spirit (8)

- i.) The Spirit Leads Us (v. 14)

Read verse 14.

ii.) The Spirit Speak to Us (v. 15-16)

Read Verses 15-16

iii.) The Spirit Groans For The Resurrection of Our Bodies (v. 23)

iv.) The Spirit Helps Us in our Prayers When We are Weak (v. 26)

v.) The Spirit Sustains Us Until the End (v. 28-39)

5.) A Gospel Theodicy (9-11)

A.) He Saved the Elect of Israel Which Was Always His Intention (9)

B.) He Offered the Gospel to Them, But They Refused It (10)

C.) He Is Saving Israel, There Are Many like Me (11)

Read Romans 9:6

6.) Gospel Worship (12-16)

Read Romans 12:1

A.) Worship with Spiritual Gifts and Under Persecution (12)

B.) Worship in Obeying Government and a Life of Love (13)

C.) Worship in Learning How to Love Christians with Different Secondary Convictions (14:1-15:6)

D.) Worship in His Life of Love to Reach the Nations With the Gospel (15:7-16:26)

Romans 12:9-10, "Let love be without hypocrisy... Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love"

Read Romans 13:8

*Romans 14:15, "**15** Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love..."*

1 Timothy 1:5, "**5** Now the purpose of the commandment is love..."

"This letter is truly the most important piece in the New Testament. It is purest Gospel. It is well worth a Christian's while not only to memorize it word for word but also to occupy himself with it daily, as though it were the daily bread of the soul. It is impossible to read or to meditate on this letter too much or too well. The more one deals with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes." —Martin Luther