

# MESSAGE NOTES

## “Practical Teaching for Everyday Living”

### ROMANS: THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

Man, Message and Mission

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#### Introduction: Background

#### Who Wrote Romans? \_\_\_\_\_

***This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News. Romans 1:1***

*I, Tertius, **the one writing this letter for Paul**, send my greetings, too, as one of the Lord's followers. Romans 16:22*

#### Who Received Romans? \_\_\_\_\_

***To all in Rome** who are **loved by God** and **called to be saints**: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 1:7*

*Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; **visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism)**; Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Acts 2:9-11*

*There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, **because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome**. Paul went to see them, Acts 18:2*

**When and Where was the letter written? Written around the year 57 AD, while Paul was staying in the seaport city of Corinth.**

*But now I have finished my work in these regions, and after all these long years of waiting, **I am eager to visit you**. 24 I am planning to go to Spain, and when I do, **I will stop off in Rome**. And after I have enjoyed your fellowship for a little while, you can provide for my journey. Rom. 15:23-24*

#### What is the Book of Romans?

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## Outline of the Book

Romans 1-8 Theological Heart of the Letter

Romans 9-11 God's Plan for Israel

Romans 12-15 Practical Ethical Christian Living

Romans 16 - Personal Greetings

## The Influence of Romans

- \_\_\_\_\_ - 1515

*"This letter is the principal part of the New Testament and **the purest gospel**, which surely deserves the honor that a Christian man should not merely know it by heart word for word, but that he should be occupied with it daily as the daily bread of his soul. **For it can never be read too often or too well. And the more it is used the more delicious it becomes and the better it tastes.**" (Quoted in Brunner 1959, 9)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ - 1738

*"In the evening I went very unwillingly to a society in Aldersgate Street, **where one was reading Luther's preface to the Epistle to the Romans**. About a quarter before nine, while he was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, **I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust in Christ, Christ alone, for salvation**: And an assurance was given me, that he had taken away my sins, even mine, and saved me from the law of sin and death." (1979, 1:103)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ - 1918

*"The reader will detect for himself that **Romans has been written with a joyful sense of discovery**. The mighty voice of Paul was new to me: and if to me, no doubt too many others also. And yet, now that my work is finished, I perceive that much remains which I have not yet heard." (1933, 2)*

## Theme Verses of Romans

*I am not ashamed of the gospel, because **it is the power of God** for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 17 For in **the gospel a righteousness from God** is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." Rom. 1:16-17*