

Purpose

For Paul to introduce himself to the Romans and share the core doctrines of salvation

Author

Paul

To Whom Written

The Christians in Rome and to believers everywhere

Date Written

About 57 AD, from Corinth, as he was preparing for his visit to Jerusalem

Setting

Paul finished his work in the east and planned to visit Rome on his way to Spain after first delivering an offering to the Jerusalem church

Key Verse

“Since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Christ has done for us.” *Romans 5:1*

Special Feature

Paul wrote *Romans* as an organized and carefully presented statement of the faith — it does not have the form of a typical letter.

Used Tyndale’s “Life Application Bible” (NLT)

An Overview (16 Chapters)

- What to Believe (*1:1-11:36*)
- How to Behave (*12:1-16:27*)

Major Themes

- *Sin*: Sin means refusing to do God’s will and failing to do all that God wants. Since Adam’s rebellion against God, our nature is to disobey Him. Our sin cuts us off from God. Sin causes us to want to live our own way rather than God’s way. Because God is morally perfect and just, He is right to condemn sin. Each person has sinned, either by rebelling against God or by ignoring His will. No matter what our background or how hard we try to live good and moral lives, we cannot earn salvation or remove our sin. Only Christ can save us.
- *Salvation*: Our sin points out our need to be forgiven and cleansed. Although we don’t deserve it, God in His kindness, reached out to forgive us. He provides the way for us to be saved. Christ’s death paid the penalty for our sin.
- *Growth*: By God’s power, believers are sanctified — made holy. This means we are set apart from sin, enabled to obey and to become more like Christ. When we are growing in our relationship with Christ, the Holy Spirit frees us from the demands of the law and from fear of judgment.
- *Sovereignty*: Because God is in charge of all creation, He can save whomever He wills.
- *Service*: When our purpose is to give credit to God for His love, power, and perfection in all we do, we can serve Him properly.