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**Topic**  
**“Introduction to the Book of Romans”**

# BIBLE STUDY

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## Topic: An Introduction to the Book of Romans

- Author:** The Apostle Paul, the Missionary-Theologian and Apostle to the Gentiles from Tarsus
- Date:** Between A. D. 53 and A. D. 58, from one of the cities in Greece (probably Corinth) during Paul's third Missionary journey
- Recipients:** A rapidly growing church in the heart of Rome, the capital city of the empire, that he had hoped to visit and in which he had desired to minister.
- Purpose:** The preparation of a general theological document that discusses in detail the essence of the Christian faith
- Theme:** The Doctrine of Salvation

### The Outline of the Book of Romans

- I. The Introduction** (1:1-17)
- II. The World's Need for Salvation** (1:18 - 3:20)
- III. God's Plan of Salvation** (3:21 - 5:21)
- IV. The Christian's Experience of Sanctification** (6:1 - 8:39)
- V. God's Purpose in Salvation** (9:1 - 11:36)
- VI. The Christian's Obedient Lifestyle** (12:1 – 15:13)
- VII. Items of Personal Interest for the Readers** (15:14 – 16:23)
- VIII. The Conclusion** (16:24-27)

### The Introduction: Opening Affirmations of the Apostle Paul (1:1-17)

- I. The Identity of the Writer Disclosed** (1:1)
  - A. A bond-servant of Jesus Christ
  - B. Called to be an apostle
  - C. Set apart for the gospel of God
- II. The Gospel Identified with Jesus Christ** (1:2-5)
  - A. Promised beforehand
  - B. Concerns Christ's humanity
  - C. Concerns Christ's divinity
  - D. Concerns God's grace
- III. The Readers Addressed** (1:6,7)
- IV. Paul's Interest in the Romans** (1:8-15)
  - A. Paul's joy over their faith
  - B. Paul's prayers for their well-being
  - C. Paul's desire to visit them
  - D. Paul's eagerness to share the gospel with them
- V. The Nature and Content of the Gospel Summarized** (1:16-17)
  - A. It is the power of God for salvation.

- B. It reveals God's plan of salvation.
- C. It reveals that righteousness is through faith.