

Study of Romans – Introduction
Bellevue Church of Christ – Fall & Winter 2012-13

Introduction to Paul’s Epistle to the Romans

Facts about the Epistle:

Author: The Apostle Paul (1:1)

Destination: To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints (1:7)

Place of Writing: Probably Corinth (Third Missionary Journey)

- Paul commends Phoebe who probably delivered the letter. Phoebe is said to have been from Cenchraea, which was the port city of Corinth (16:1)
- Paul’s host at the time of writing was named Gaius (16:23). Gaius is the name of a man Paul baptized at Corinth (I Cor 1:14).
- Erastus, Timothy and Sopater were with Paul when the epistle was written (16:21,23), and also when he was in Greece (Acts 19:21-22; 20:2-4).
- Both times Paul intended to go to Jerusalem and then to Rome (Acts 19:21; Rom 15:24-26,28). Paul was going to Jerusalem to deliver money to the poor saints (Acts 24:17; Rom 15:26-28)

Date of Writing: Between 55 and 57 A.D. (Gallio Inscription / 51 AD / Acts 18:12-18)

Church Founder: Unknown - (15:20; Acts 18:1-2)

Outline:

I. _____ of the Gospel (Ch. 1-8) - *How the Gospel Saves Sinners*

_____ - Forgiveness of past sins

_____ - Set apart for God’s Service (Power over daily temptation)

_____ - Future salvation (from decay)

II. _____ of the Gospel (Ch. 9-11) - *Israel’s Rejection*

III. _____ of the Gospel (Ch. 12-16) - *Everyday Living*

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Key Terms:

Righteousness:

God's Righteousness (The Righteousness of God):

Key Verse:

Romans 1:16-17 (ESV)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Questions for Discussion:

1. How does Romans specifically compliment Acts of Apostles? (What vs. Why)

2. Compare and contrast Romans with Paul's other epistles? How is it different?