

ROMANS

Chapter 15:14-16:27

Occasion of Writing,
Greetings, Warnings and Doxology

The doctrinal topics of our study of Romans

The
subject of
Romans –
1:16-17

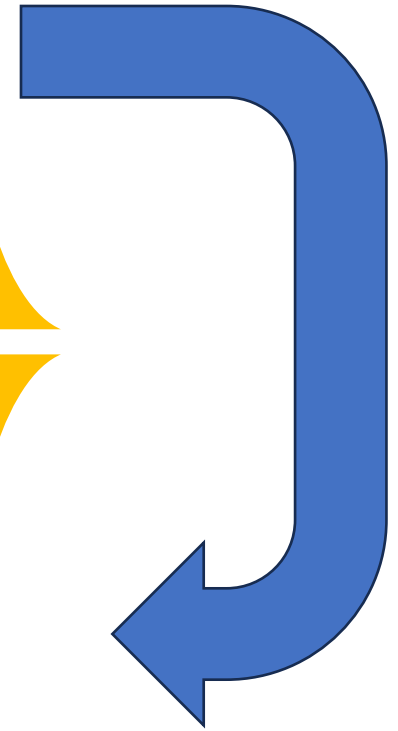
A World Under
Sin and
Condemnation
1:18-3:20

The Way of
Salvation
3:21-4:25

The
Christian
Way of Life
12:1-15:13

Justification of
Faith and the
Hope of Israel
9:1-11:36

The Grace
in Which
We Stand
5:1-8:39



Occasion of the epistle

- Full of goodness, filled with knowledge, and able to admonish one another
 - These Roman Christians have the knowledge, and are filled with that knowledge leading to goodness of each towards the other, and must use that knowledge not only to TEACH but to ADMONISH each other
 - Gr – *noutheteo* – put in mind, warn, exhort, instruct
 - Always with the idea of putting right, to correct

Occasion of the epistle

- Paul wrote boldly as a reminder, because he had been **graciously** made an apostle which he considered to be due to **undeserved divine favor**
- Paul's sphere of attention was the Gentiles
- Paul was guided by the Holy Spirit to spread the gospel to the Gentile nations and peoples
- Paul's priestly service was defined by him to be offering up the Gentiles to God as a sacrifice(fig)

Paul's work among the Gentiles

- Paul explains his current work that had hindered him from coming to Rome
- Paul was bringing the gospel to Gentiles far and wide, avoiding places where others had already proclaimed Christ so he could reach as much fertile ground as possible.
- Paul's job was to lay the foundation wherever he went, not build on others work

Paul's travel plans

- Paul had planted churches throughout the region
- Paul, having been unable to go to Rome do to the work he was accomplishing in 18-21 now lays out his plans to visit Rome and further.
- Paul was not aware that his plans would be thwarted by the Jews in Jerusalem. He was simply expecting to minister to the saints and delivering contributions from the region.

Requests for prayer

- Paul asks for prayers for his ministry and for delivery from the Jews in Jerusalem
- He seems to understand that the Jews want him dead, even though he has spent most of his time away from Jerusalem.
- He also prays that his service in Jerusalem will be acceptable to the saints

Commendation of Phoebe

- Paul commends a woman who is mentioned nowhere else in this letter or any other letter he wrote.
- It is a possibility she is mentioned and commended because he trusted her to take his letter to Rome.

Greetings to various Christians in Rome

- Priscilla and Aquilla
- Epaenetus – mentioned only here
- Mary – a Christian known here only as a hard worker
- Andronicus and Junia – fellow prisoners
- Ampliatus, Urbanus, Stachys, Apelles, the household of Aristobulus, Herodion, the household of Narcissus