

WHAT ARE YOU SEEKING? WHEN IN ROME

Romans 1:1

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Set apart.

“Romans is ultimately a book about *God*: how *he* acted to bring salvation, how *his* justice is preserved, how *his* purposes are worked out in history, how *he* can be served by his people.”

– L. Morris¹

Outline of Romans

- Romans 1 All are without excuse.
- Romans 2 Both Jew and Gentile are without excuse.
- Romans 3 All have sinned.
- Romans 4 Abraham justified by faith.
- Romans 5 Peace with God through faith.
- Romans 6 Dead to sin, alive to God.
- Romans 7 Wrestling with sin.
- Romans 8 No condemnation to those in Jesus Christ.
- Romans 9 God’s sovereignty in salvation and Israel’s unbelief.
- Romans 10 Bring the Gospel to everyone.
- Romans 11 The remnant of Israel and God’s mercy grafting the Gentiles into spiritual Israel.
- Romans 12 Transformational Christian living.
- Romans 13 Christians and Government.
- Romans 14 Preferences and judgmentalism.
- Romans 15 Christians pressing on together in harmony.
- Romans 16 Farewell and warning against those who cause divisions.

Romans 1:1 *Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,*

How the Gospel transforms us

- New identity: We are a new creation – 1:1 *Paul*
- New role (Humility): We are called to serve – 1:1 *a servant of Christ Jesus,*
- New authority: We go where he calls us – 1:1 *called to be an apostle,*
- New purpose: changed direction – 1:1 *set apart for the gospel of God,*

¹ Douglas J. Moo, *The Epistle to the Romans*, The New International Commentary on the New Testament (Grand Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1996), 43.