

**“PAUL’S LETTER TO THE ROMANS:
Paul Introduces Himself and His Theme”**
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Romans 1:1-17

I. THE ESSENTIALS OF THE LETTER

A. Who Was The Author? (vv. 1-6)

1. _____; known as “the Apostle to the Gentiles.”
(vv. 1-6; See also Acts 7:59-8:3; 9:1-16; Galatians 2:6-9)

B. Who Were The Recipients? (v. 7)

1. The _____ living in the city of Rome: the _____ of
the Gentile world. (v. 7; 15:14)

When Did He Write It?

Although it does not say within the actual letter, scholars who have studied the life and writings of Paul are virtually certain that this letter was written during Paul’s three months in the province of Achaia (modern day Greece). This would have been during the last few days of AD 55 and the first few weeks of AD 56, or the last few days of AD 56 and the first few weeks of AD 57. (See Acts 20:2-3)

C. Why Did He Write It? (vv. 8-16; 15:14-29)

1. To _____ the way for a possible _____.
2. To _____ them of the _____ of the Gospel.

Paul’s Theme Is Famously Expressed... (v. 17)

“For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith.’”

- a. **“Righteousness”** (dikaiosune): the status of _____ before God;
_____ approval...

Paul will now spend the rest of this famous, life-changing letter, explaining the meaning of this famous, life-changing sentence.

II. THE STRUCTURE OF THE LETTER

A. The Introduction (Romans 1:1-17)

1. Paul's Letter To The Romans: Paul Introduces Himself And His Theme (1:1-17)

B. An Explanation Of "The Righteous... By Faith" (Romans 1:18 – 4:25)

1. The Average Man On The Street: Is Actually In The Gutter (1:18-32)
2. There's No Free Pass: With Your Synagogue Membership (2:1-3:20)
3. The Heart Of It All: The Heart of The Gospel And The Heart of Romans (3:21-26)
4. Exhibit Abraham: If Anyone Could Boast, He Could (3:27-4:25)

C. An Explanation Of "The Righteous Shall Live..." (Romans 5:1 – 8:30)

1. A Life Of Peace With God (5:1-21)
2. A Life Of Sanctification (6:1-23)
3. A Life Free From Condemnation (7:1-25)
4. A Life Indwelt By God's Spirit (8:1-30)

D. A Brief Review (Romans 8:31-39)

1. The Pause That Refreshes (8:31-39)

E. An Explanation Of The Unbelief Of Humanity and The Faithfulness Of God (Romans 9-11)

1. The Israel Issue: Has God Abandoned His Chosen People? (9-11)

F. An Explanation Of The Obedience Of "The Righteous By Faith" (Romans 12:1 – 15:13)

1. Obedience In Regards To The Church Community (12:1-21)
2. Obedience In Regards To The State (13:1-14)
3. Obedience In Regards To Personal Disagreements (14:1-15:13)

G. The Conclusion (Romans 15:14-16:27)

1. The Long Farewell: Paul's Concluding Thoughts And Greetings (15:14-16:27)