

# ROMANS

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### **I. Introduction (1:1-17)**

- A. Greetings (1:1-7)
- B. Paul connects personally with the Roman church (1:8-15)
- C. Theme of the Epistle: *The gospel is powerful to save all; therefore, Paul is bold to preach the saving message* (1:16-17)

### **II. The Coming Condemnation of All (1:18-3:20)**

- A. God will condemn those who commit stereotypically Gentile sins: idolatry and sexual corruption (1:18-32)
- B. God will in fact condemn all who sin, whether they claim to respect the law of Moses or no (2:1-3:8)
- C. Even the Old Testament proves that Jews are equally as guilty as Gentiles (3:9-21)

### **III. Salvation in the Gospel of Christ (3:21-5:21)**

- A. Salvation may come through only one channel – Christ's death, and faith in him (3:21-31)
- B. The heroes of the Old Testament prove Paul's point (4:1-25)
- C. There are now only two peoples among humankind: those in Adam, those in Christ (5:1-21)

### **IV. The Miraculous New Life in Christ (6:1-8:39)**

- A. In Christ we are dead to sin, to death, to the Torah (6:1-7:6)
- B. Paul is not an apostate when he says we are dead to the Torah (7:7-25)
- C. The Spirit gives us victory in this life and into eternity (8:1-39)
  - 1. The Spirit gives a fresh start to the Christian (8:1-13)
  - 2. The Spirit helps us through the trials of this present age (8:14-27)
  - 3. Christians are assured that they are part of God's eternal plan (8:28-39)

### **V. The Historical Problem of the New People of God and God's Ancient People Israel (9:1-11:36)**

- A. The unbelief of Israel and the election of the Gentiles is in accordance with Scripture (9:1-10:4)
- B. Israel can receive righteousness of Christ if only it believes (10:5-21)
- C. Both the chosen Gentiles and the eschatological remnant of Israel will be saved (11:1-36)

### **VI. Details concerning how the New Life in Christ fulfills the Law (12:1-13:14)**

- A. Christians offer themselves as living sacrifices (12:1-2)
- B. Christians live in love in the Church and in the world (12:3-21)
- C. Christians have a political responsibility (13:1-8a)

D. Christians live according to the principle of brotherly love (13:8b-10)

E. Christians live in two ages (13:11-14)

VII. The Resolution of a Particular Conflict in the Church of Rome (14:1-15:13)

A. Christians are accountable to God with respect to ethical decisions (14:1-12)

B. Christians must not cause harm to others, but edify them (14:13-15:6)

C. God wants all believers to live in harmony (15:7-13)

VIII. The Priestly Ministry of Paul and his Itinerary (15:14-33)

A. His ministry is centered on evangelizing areas which have no church (15:14-22)

B. He plans on visiting Jerusalem, then Rome, and then on to pioneer territory in Spain (15:23-33)

IX. Conclusion (16:1-27)

A. Greetings (16:1-16)

B. A Call to Spiritual Discernment (16:17-20)

C. Greetings and Doxology (16:21-26)