Romans – Introduction

1. Writer – Paul
2. Addressed to: Saints at Rome
3. Date: About 58 A.D.
4. From: Corinth (15:25)
   1. Paul was about to go to Jerusalem with the contribution.
   2. Several in the list of names (16:21-23) are at Corinth.
5. Brief outline
   1. Doctrinal – Chapters 1-11
   2. Practical – Chapters 12-16
6. Main Theme: We are justified by faith and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
7. Key verses: 1:16 5:1
8. How did the church at Rome get started?
   1. Acts 2:10 – On Pentecost there were “strangers of Rome”
   2. Acts 18:26 – Aquila and Priscilla were at Ephesus – removed from Rome
   3. Acts 16:3 – Paul sends them greetings at Rome
   4. Acts 16:5 – “church” met in their house
9. Was Peter the first “pope” in Rome?
   1. No. Peter had not been to Rome at this time.
   2. Paul wanted to go to Rome to impart a spiritual gift through the laying on of hands of an apostle. If Peter were there, Paul would not be needed.
10. Discuss the differences in:
    1. Scribe: Tertius 16:22
    2. Author: Paul 1:1
    3. Messenger: Phebe 16:1

DETAILED OUTLINE OF ROMANS

INTRODUCTION (1:1-17)

1. The salutation 1-7
2. Paul’s attitude toward those addressed 8-15
3. The theme 16-17

DISCUSSION (1:18 – 15:13)

1. The doctrinal part of the book 1:18 – 11:36
   1. The Gospel of Christ
      1. The NEED for it 1:18-3:20
      2. The FACT of it 3:21-31
      3. The NATURE of it chapter 4
      4. The BLESSINGS of it chapter 5
      5. The OBLIGATION of it chapter 6
      6. The GOVERNING FACTOR of it chapters 7, 8
         1. Not the Mosaic law – chapter 7
         2. But the law of the Spirit of Christ – chapter 8
      7. The CONDITION of fleshly Israel in REJECTION of it chapters 9, 10, 11
2. The practical part of the book (12:1 – 15:13)
   1. The Gospel of Christ, its APPLICATION
      1. In basic attitudes 12:1-3
      2. In personal functions 12:3-8
      3. In everyday personal living 12:9-12
      4. In relationship to civil authorities 13:1-7
      5. In concern for one another 13:8-10
      6. In the Christian’s walk 13:11-14
      7. In matters of indifference 14:1 – 15:3
      8. In consideration of Christ 15:3-12
      9. In providing hope 15:13

CONCLUSION (15:14 – 16:27)

1. Persuasion 15:14
2. Remembrance 15:15-16
3. The Gentiles 15:16-24
4. Ministering to the saints 15:25-27
5. Personal plans and hopes 15:28-29
6. Request for prayers 15:30-33
7. Commendation of Phoebe 16:1-2
8. Salutations 16:3-16
9. Warning 16:17-20
10. Greetings 16:21-24
11. Doxology 16:25-27