

The Book of Romans

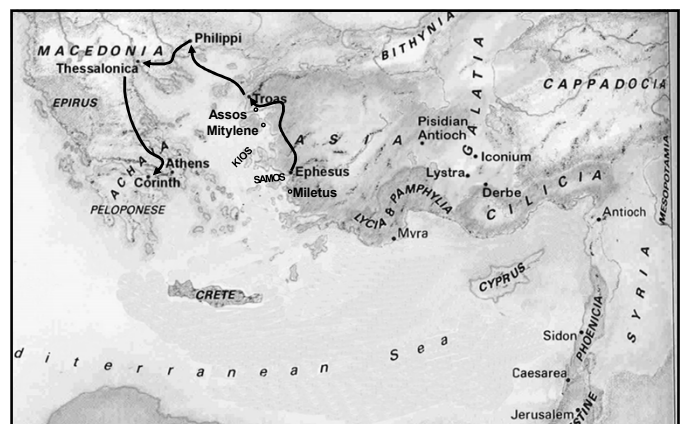
The Gospel of God

Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called *as* an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, ⁴ who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake, ⁶ among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; ⁷ to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called *as* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Romans 1:1-7)

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➤ *Romans 15:22-33*

- approximately 57 A.D. when Paul was on his way to Jerusalem to bring an offering to the saints
- after determining to leave the regions of Greece and Asia Minor, Paul wrote this letter in advance of his planned visit to Rome on his way to Spain

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2. The Purpose (why?)

- *Primary*: to establish the Christians at Rome in his gospel as the apostle to the Gentiles
- *Secondary*: to unify the Roman Christians around his gospel to support the extension of his Gentile mission to Spain

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3. The Theme (what?)

➤ *“the Gospel of God” (1:1; 15:16)*

- in which the righteousness of God, the grace of God and the love of God are revealed
- God’s saving activity focused upon the work of His Son