

ROMANS

Summary Of Romans: Paul wrote Romans in 57-58 AD from Corinth on his third missionary journey. He had 3 purposes: (1) to advise Rome's Christians of his plans to visit them; (2) to present the gospel message; and (3) to address Jewish-Gentile tensions, advising that Jews and Gentiles alike are under sin, and both alike are saved by faith in Jesus. The theme is "the gospel", in which the righteousness of God is revealed (1:16, 17).

Lesson: *"The just shall live by faith." (1:17)*

ROMANS 1

MAN'S UNRIGHTEOUSNESS

Chapter 1

Summary: Paul first **establishes a rapport** with his readers (1-15). He gives ***his greeting*** {1-7}, stating his identity [1], his subject [2], his theme [3-6], his readers [7a], and his greeting [7b]. He then gives ***his intention*** (*his desire to visit Rome*) {8-15}, mentioning thanksgiving [8], prayers [9-10], desired fellowship [11-12], and desired evangelism [13-15].

Paul then **discusses God's wrath on unrighteousness** (16-32). First, he gives ***the remedy for God's wrath*** {16-17}, the gospel: 1) it is the power of God [16]; and 2) it is the revelation of God's righteousness [17]. Second, he gives ***the reasons for God's wrath*** {18-23}: 1) God's truth is suppressed [18]; 2) God's revelation is ignored [19-20]; and 3) God's glory is perverted [21-23]. Third, he gives ***the results of God's wrath*** {24-32}: 1) man is abandoned to uncleanness [24-25]; 2) man is abandoned to sexual perversion [26-27]; and 3) man is abandoned to depravity [28-32].

Lesson: *We are saved from our unrighteousness by faith in Jesus Christ.*