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## Romans:

### “The Greatest Letter You’ve Ever Gotten”

#### I. Basic Background

- Authored by Paul (written by Tertius; but, dictated by Paul)
- Written to Christians in Rome, about 57 A.D.

#### II. Who Is Paul?

##### 1. Race & Religion – **JEWISH PHARISEE**

*“...he shouted, ‘Brothers, I am a Pharisee, as were my ancestors! And I am on trial because my hope is in the resurrection of the dead!’” Acts 23:6b (NLT)*

##### 2. Culturally – **GREEK**

*“...for as I was walking along I saw your many shrines. And one of your altars had this inscription on it: ‘To an Unknown God.’ This God, whom you worship without knowing, is the one I’m telling you about.” Acts 17:23 (NLT)*

##### 3. Politically – **ROMAN CITIZEN**

*“But Paul replied, ‘They have publicly beaten us without a trial and put us in prison—and we are Roman citizens. So now they want us to leave secretly? Certainly not! Let them come themselves to release us!’” Acts 16:37 (NLT)*

- Paul leveraged his **S.H.A.P.E** (Class 301) to connect people to Jesus Christ.

**S** - Spiritual Gifts

**H** - Heart

**A** - Abilities

**P** - Personality

**E** - Experience

#### III. 5 Primary Themes in Romans

- Introduction (Romans 1:1-17)
  - 1) The Problem of Sin (Romans 1:18-3:30) ...  
The Bad News... It's **WORSE** than you think.
  - 2) The Gift of Salvation (Romans 3:21-5:21) ...  
The Good News... It's **BETTER** than you think.

- 3) How to Live as a Christian (Romans 6:1-8:39) ...  
Practical Application... It's **HARDER** than you think.
  - 4) God's Plan (Romans 9:1-11:36) ...  
A Look Behind the Curtain... It's **BIGGER** than you think.
  - 5) What We're to Do Now (Rom 12:1-15:13) ...  
Job Assignment...It **TAKES MORE SACRIFICE** than you think.
- Conclusion (Romans 15:14-16:27)

#### IV. “The Romans Road to Salvation”

1. *“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.” Romans 3:23 (NLT)*
2. *“But God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.” Romans 5:8 (NLT)*
3. *“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:23 (NLT)*
4. *“If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.” Romans 10:9 (NLT)*
5. *“For Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved.” Romans 10:13 (NLT)*

*Keep the conversation going...*

1. What are you most looking forward to in our study of Romans?
2. How might Paul's purpose and heart relate to us?
3. Read Romans 12:1-2, 9-18. What is one area in your walk with God that you hope to grow in this year? How can this study of Roman help that?