



Introduction to Romans 1-8

How do you feel when you get a handwritten letter?

Today we will determine why Paul wrote the letter and the impact of his writings to the believers in Rome and for us today.

Intro of Paul writing the letter:

1. Paul is the author
2. Paul probably wrote the letter around 57 AD
3. Some believe that Paul wrote to the Romans because of a conflict between the Jewish and Gentile Christians.
 - Paul addressed the letter “To all in Rome, who are loved by God and called to be saints.”
Romans 1:7
 - Examples: I Corinthians 1:2 “To the church of God in Corinth...”, Galatians 1:2 “To all the churches in Galatia...” 1 Thessalonians 1:1 “To the church in Thessalonians...”
 - Claudius (Caesar) sent all the Jews living in Rome out of the area around 41 AD, and he may have again in 53 AD (Acts 18:1-4). It appears the Jews had begun an uprising in Rome because of a person named “Chrestus” (most likely the person of Christ).
 - Some believe that the conflict had something to do with the return of the Jews after they had been expelled.

Reasons why Paul wrote Romans:

1. To exchange mutual encouragement in our faith - Romans 1:11
2. To settle the internal disagreements between the Jewish and Gentile Christians
3. To instruct about God’s salvation, living our life in Christ, and the place we all have in salvation, whether Jew or Gentile because there is not a race for salvation, only trusting in Jesus
4. To seek missional support for the Gospel to be taken to Spain - Romans 15:24

Define Faith:

“Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”

Hebrews 11:1

We must understand that there are two elements of conversion:

- Turning from Sin : Repentance
- Turning to Jesus : Faith

When we turn to Christ for **salvation** from our sins, we are simultaneously turning away from the sins we are asking Christ to save us from.