



# To Rome with Love

Romans 1:1-7

# Why read Romans?

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- Longest letter in ancient world
- Arguably the most important book of the Reformation
- One of the most quoted books of Bible

# The most popular Bible verses from Romans

Found 436 Verses

## ROMANS 3:23

BIBLE RANK: 5

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God* NIV ✂

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📄 ✉ #Rom3\_23 f 8+

## ROMANS 10:9

BIBLE RANK: 10

*If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.* NIV ✂

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## ROMANS 6:23

BIBLE RANK: 11

*For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.* NIV ✂

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## ROMANS 8:28

BIBLE RANK: 14

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.* NIV ✕

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## ROMANS 12:1

BIBLE RANK: 17

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is true worship.* NIV ✕

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## ROMANS 5:8

BIBLE RANK: 18

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* NIV ✕

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## ROMANS 12:2

BIBLE RANK: 32

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.* NIV ✕

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   #Rom12\_2  

## ROMANS 5:12

BIBLE RANK: 36

*Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned –* NIV ✕

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   #Rom5\_12  

## ROMANS 5:1

BIBLE RANK: 38

*Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ* NIV ✕

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   #Rom5\_1  

## ROMANS 1:16

BIBLE RANK: 40

*I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.* NIV ↗

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## ROMANS 8:1

BIBLE RANK: 46

*Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus* NIV ↗

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## ROMANS 10:13

BIBLE RANK: 47

*For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* NIV ↗

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## ROMANS 1:18

BIBLE RANK: 65

*The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of human beings who suppress the truth by their wickedness* NIV ✕

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## ROMANS 10:17

BIBLE RANK: 74

*Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.* NIV ✕

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## ROMANS 13:1

BIBLE RANK: 82

*Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.* NIV ✕

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📄 ✉ #Rom13\_1 f 8+

## ROMANS 3:10

BIBLE RANK: 85

*As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;"*

NIV ✨

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   #Rom3\_10  

## ROMANS 1:20

BIBLE RANK: 143

*For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities — his eternal power and divine nature — have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.* NIV ✨

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   #Rom1\_20  

## ROMANS 6:1

BIBLE RANK: 167

*What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase?* NIV ✨

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   #Rom6\_1  



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- John Piper: “The Greatest Letter Ever Written”
- Similarity between Rome and Singapore

# Sermon 1 – Setting the Stage

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# Quick facts and background

- Longest letter in ancient world (7000 words)
- Writing to church he didn't start & hasn't seen.
- More a lecture than a letter.
- Written as a dialogue/argument ... *“What then shall we say?”* .... *“Certainly not!”*
- **AD55**; Planted a church in every province, east of Mediterranean Sea.
- Prepares to go West – Rome, Spain
- Stuck in Greece: **writes Romans**.

Rome

Greece

Turkey

Antioch

Spain

Jerusalem

# PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEYS

## The Seven Churches of Asia

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PLATE VIII

First → Second → Third → To Rome →



# Caution

- Letter to Romans must be read with other biblical books, e.g. Gospels, Peter, James, Revelation ... and the OT!!
- Written for a specific **purpose** to a specific **audience** in a specific **situation**.



# Situation: Rome

- 14 out of 15 emperors were practicing homosexuals.
- Poll/head tax a major issue
- Law (Jews) and Lawlessness (Gentiles)
- Large Jewish community

# Why Paul wrote Romans?

- First church in Rome was Jewish (cf. Acts 2:10)
- 40000 Jewish community in Rome; Church grew
- Claudius persecuted and throws out all Jews, e.g. Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:2)

# Jews driven out of Rome

“After these things Paul departed from Athens and went to Corinth. And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, born in Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla (because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome); and he came to them.”

Acts 18:1-2



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- Claudius persecuted and throws out all Jews, e.g. Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:2)
- Small Gentile church in Rome; Church grew
- Claudius died. Jews came back.
- Tension between the two: Jews and Gentiles.
- **Paul's primary intention was to get the two back into one fellowship in Christ.**

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- Chapters 1-4: **Faith**
- Chapters 5-11: **Hope**
- Chapters 12-16: **Love**



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- Chap 1-5 : Jews & Gentiles: Justified by Faith
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**KEY WORDS:**

**GOD (153x)**



**LAW (72x)**

**CHRIST (65x)**



**SIN (48x)**

**LORD (43x)**


**FAITH (40x)**

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For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Romans 8:38-39**

For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained **mercy** through their disobedience, even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the **mercy** shown you they also may obtain **mercy**. For God

- has committed them all to disobedience, that He might
- have **mercy** on all. **Romans 11:30-32**

- Chap 8 : Life in the Spirit
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I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the **mercies** of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God ... **Romans 12:1**

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1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to **the gospel of God**

2 which He promised before

through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,

3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord,

who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,

4 and declared to be the Son of God with power

according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection

from the dead.

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**Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and **make disciples of all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them to obey** everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:18-20**

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5 Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith

among all nations for His name,

**6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;**

**7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

- Jews & Gentiles - Justified by Faith
- Law and Sin
- Life in the Spirit
- Status and future of Israel
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## Romans 1-16





# Romans 8:31-38

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all,

how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect?

It is God who justifies. Who is he who condemns?

It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen,

who is even at the right hand of God,

who also makes intercession for us.”

# Romans 8:31-38

“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?  
Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine,  
or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors  
through Him who loved us.

**For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels  
nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor  
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