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INTRODUCTION

A. Author and Date:

1. The Apostle Paul wrote the Epistle in about 58 A.D.
2. It was sent from the city of Corinth, just before Paul returned to Jerusalem with the gifts that had been collected for the needy saints.

B. The basic message of Romans is that the gospel..."is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...for therein is revealed a righteousness of God from faith unto faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live by faith" (Rom. 1;16,17).

1. The gospel is of God and Christ (1:1, 9).
 2. The gospel reveals God's way of making men righteous (1:16,17; 3:21ff)
 3. The gospel includes facts and the meaning of facts concerning the Person of Jesus Christ (1:3,4; 5:6-11).
 4. It gives reasons for faith, and involves the Commander, Christ and the commands.
 5. The Gospel centers in the person Jesus Christ the Son of God, and he and His gospel should be proclaimed to all the world. (1:15).
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DOCTRINE OF GOD

1. In a world which denies God (atheism) Romans affirms that they are without excuse because that which is known of God is manifest in them, for God manifested it unto them." (1:19-21) read all.
2. In a world in which many acknowledge God, but are neither thankful to God nor worshipers of God, Romans shows us that when man turns from God, he turns to idols of one sort or another. (1:21-32).
3. In a world in which many think God is indifferent to man, Romans assures us that God loves us even though we are weak, ungodly, and sinners. (5:6-11; 3:21-26).
4. In an age where the love of God thought to exclude the wrath of God, Romans informs us of the wrath of God (1:18).
5. In a time when people think that forgiveness was easy and cheap, Romans makes it clear that in order for God to be just and to justify the sinner, Christ had to die. (3:23-26).
6. In a world in which even some people in Christendom deny that God has spoken through the written word, or at best in a very uncertain voice, Romans tells us that God has spoken through the Scriptures. (1:2-6,9; 3:1,2,21; 15:15-21).
7. In a world in which so many think of themselves as orphans of time, Romans tells us that those who accept Christ can look forward to the eternal inheritance in Christ. (8:17-39).

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DOCTRINE OF MAN

1. That man is not without any responsibility but is an accountable being. (2:3-16) Tho man doesn't merit salvation his actions are taken into account in judgment (6:17,18).
2. In an age in which many want to deny responsibility for their misconduct, Romans says that man is not only a responsible being, but that he is a sinner in need of God's grace. (3:16,28; 4:4).
3. In an age in which many deny that man is anything but an animal, Romans shows that man is not just a mortal being but a being whom God loves and who will be judged (2:1-16; 5:6-11).
4. In an age in which there are so many without self-esteem, who feel unloved, Romans assures us that although we cannot earn God's love we are the objects of His love (5:6-11).
5. In a day when many want to limit Christianity to meditation and emotional experience, Paul made it clear that our bodies are to be offered as a living sacrifice unto God. (12:1-2; 6:12-13).
6. In an age which denies sin, Romans affirm its reality and that man is a sinner (3:9).

ALL HAVE SINNED

- A. Although God had left man with sufficient revelation of himself for man to know him and his eternal power and godhead, man made in the image of God has come under the dominion of sin.
 - B. First great argument in the book is the proving that both Gentile and Jew alike stand condemned because of sin.
 1. The Gentile is condemned because he refuses to follow the light that he has and turned away from the Creator that made him.
 2. The Jew instead of letting God's goodness lead him to repentance, through his hard heart in pride is storing up wrath in the day of judgment.
 - C. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (3:2).
 - D. "The wages of sin is death" (6:23).
 - E. OUR CHOICE: *"KNOW YE NOT, THAT TO WHOM YE PRESENT YOURSELVES AS SERVANTS UNTO OBEDIENCE, HIS SERVANTS YE ARE WHOM YE OBEY; WHETHER OF SIN UNTO DEATH, OR OF OBEDIENCE UNTO RIGHTEOUSNESS?"* (6:16).
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