

The Book of Acts

This Week:

Lesson: Introduction to Romans – Paul’s great theological work

Scripture: Romans

Written: By Paul, 56 AD

Next Week:

Homework Scripture Read: Ephesians

Lesson Text:

Handout: “Romans Road” – Gospel presentation

INTRO/CLOSING

Acts 20:1-3 Written during stay in Corinth during 3rd missionary journey

Romans 1:1-7, 8-15 Address and Introduction (v1:7,11,13)

Romans 16 Closing salutations and benediction

THEOLOGY

Romans 2-3:20 Depravity of mankind (v2:12)

Romans 3:21-4:25 Righteousness by Faith (v4:13)

Romans 5 Sinful nature thru Adam, righteous through Christ (v5:18)

Romans 6 Sin enslaves, salvation frees (v14,17-18)

Romans 7-8 No condemnation for us in Christ (v7:6,8:1,8:28)

Romans 9-11 God not through with Israel (v11:25-36)

INSTRUCTION

Romans 12-15 Christian duty for sacrificial life in service to God (v12:2,15:4)

Discussion:

- Note the detailed explanation style of Romans – the only Book written by Paul which is addressed to people he had never met at a place he had never been. Instead of reminding them of his teaching, he has to provide it in writing.
- Theological highlights of Romans
 - Unbelief is rebellion against God
 - Depravity of mankind – all have sinned
 - Salvation by grace through faith
 - Two natures of mankind – physical and spiritual
 - Sin enslaves, salvation frees
 - Importance of Israel
 - Christian duty for sacrificial life in service to God
- Anyone else have favorite passages from II Corinthians?