

Romans

GCF Hardcore Bible Study

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1 Observations

- Who: Paul is the author, as seen in ch 1:1-7
- What: letter to the Christians in Rome (Q: Are these Jewish or Gentile Christians?)
- When: early A.D. 57
- Where: Paul is probably writing from Corinth, where he has completed his third missionary journey (see ch. 15-16)
- Why:

2 Breakdown of the book

- Chapters 1-4: how God has acted in Christ to bring the individual sinner into a new relationship with Himself
- Chapters 5-8: how God provides for that individual's eternal life in glory (assurance and hope, freedom from sin and the law)
- Chapters 9-11: God's purpose for Israel
- Chapters 12-15: how God transforms that individual's life now on Earth (life of obedience)

3 Recurring Themes

- Overall theme: GOSPEL
- Faith, grace, righteousness, justification, salvation