

BITH304 ROMANS

INTRODUCTION

There has been no book of the Bible which has been so instrumental in changing lives and in impacting the church as much as the epistle to the Romans.

The epistle is divided into two major parts. The first 11 chapters form the first section. They set forth Paul's teaching on the righteousness of God, particularly as it relates to salvation and to the people of God.

The second section (chapters 12-16) gives us the practical ramifications of the doctrines presented in the preceding section. This part tells us how we ought to live and conduct ourselves on the basis of the salvation provided on our behalf.

The book of Romans seems to have been written from Corinth, the city on the Isthmus connecting northern and southern Greece.

1. Paul commends Phoebe to the church at Rome, saying that she had been “*a servant to the church which is at Cenchrea*” (*Romans 16:1*). Cenchrea is the eastern Port of Corinth. It was to Corinth what Port Everglades is to Fort Lauderdale.
2. He says in Romans 16:23 that “*Gaius, host to me and to the whole church, greets you.*” Gaius is seen in 1 Corinthians 1:14 to have been a member of the church at Corinth.

Paul was at Corinth on two different occasions. His initial trip to Corinth was on his Second Missionary Journey. He later returned to Corinth on his Third Missionary Journey.

In Romans 15:19 he says that he had already preached the gospel “*from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum.*” In verse 23 he says that there is “*no further place for me in these regions*” and that he longs to come to Rome but first is contemplating a trip to Jerusalem with funds from the churches of Macedonia and Greece. We know from 2 Corinthians 9 that this gift was collected well after his first visit to Corinth. This places the composition of Romans as taking place during Paul's second sojourn in Corinth. This took place during the early months of A.D. 57 around 25 years after Christ's death and resurrection.

Learn more by purchasing the entire course that covers the following topics:

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