

**Paul's Letter to the Romans**  
**Lesson #11**  
**Romans 1:1-32**

**Background**

Just as 2 Corinthians shows Paul's heart, this letter to the Romans shows his mind. It was written in 57 A.D., toward the end of Paul's third missionary journey from the city of Corinth. The overall theme is the righteousness of God.

1. Paul gave some insight into his situation and the reason for writing at the end of the letter. Using Romans 15:23-25, what information did Paul give regarding his current situation?

**Introduction – Romans 1:1-7**

2. Paul's introduction is quite lengthy compared to his other letters because he had not been to Rome or met these believers. How did Paul identify himself? (Romans 1:1)
  - From:
  
  - His position:
  
  - His mission or purpose:
3. What did Paul say about the Gospel? (Romans 1:2)
4. The Gospel is the good news of the Son of God. What did Paul say about "His Son?" (Romans 1:3, 4)
5. In clarifying his service to Christ Jesus, what did Paul say about his call? (Romans 1:5)
6. What did Paul say about the Romans? (Romans 1:6)

7. To whom did Paul address this letter? (Romans 1:7a)
8. His opening blessing is "*grace and peace to you*" bringing the Gentile (grace) and Jewish (peace) greetings together. How does Paul refer to God? (Romans 1:7b)
  - Who is the one who extends grace and peace?

**Paul's Desire - Romans 1:8-17**

9. Keeping in mind that Paul had not been to Rome, what did he say he was thankful for? (Romans 1:8)
10. Paul gave a glimpse into his personal relationship with God and his call in verses 9 and 10.
  - What was his attitude in serving God?
  - How did he define his mission?
  - How often did he pray for the Roman believers?
  - What was one specific prayer request?
11. Why did Paul say "*I long to see you*?" (Romans 1:11, 12)
12. Of what did Paul say "*I do not want you to be unaware*?" (Romans 1:13a)
13. From the second half of verse 13, were the believers in Rome Jews or Gentiles?
14. What was God's call to Paul (Saul) at the time he came to faith? (Acts 9:15)

15. How did Paul explain that call to the Romans? (Romans 1:14, 15)
16. Paul's theme for writing is given in verses 16 and 17. Using verse 16:
- Why is Paul not ashamed of the Gospel?
  - Who is God's salvation for?
17. Verse 17 is considered Paul's theme verse on the righteousness of God. Using verse 17:
- How is the righteousness of God revealed?
  - How is this righteousness of God obtained?
  - How do the righteous live?

**The Result of Choice – Romans 1:18-32**

18. In order to fully understand the righteousness of God and His offer of salvation, Paul shows why people must respond to Him. He began with the wrath of God. From Romans 1:18:
- Who is God's wrath directed toward?
  - What are they doing?
19. Paul said God has made Himself plain, knowable, and that all people are without excuse. How did Paul say God has done this? (Romans 1:20)
20. If all are without excuse because they "knew God" what was the problem? (Romans 1:21a)

21. The source of this problem was their thinking. What was the result of their thinking? (Romans 1:21b – 23)
22. Reflect on what Paul has just said.
  - What is God's desire? (Romans 1:17)
  - For whom is that available? (Romans 1:16)
23. Who makes the choice to exercise faith? (Romans 1:21-23)
24. Based upon the above answers, what did God do? (Romans 1:24)
25. What was Paul's heartbreaking observation of this? (Romans 1:25)
26. Because of this choice, God gave them over to what? (Romans 1:26a)
27. What evidence of that choice did Paul refer to? (Romans 1:26b, 27)
28. Paul continued with the word "*furthermore*." What did they not think it worthwhile to retain? (Romans 1:28a)
  - What was God's response to this? (Romans 1:28b)
29. Paul made a list of activities these individuals chose over God. What was included on that list? (Romans 1:29)

30. What descriptions did Paul use for these individuals? (Romans 1:29b – 31)

31. Paul made his final point why people need God's righteousness. From verse 32:

- Do they know God's righteous decree?
  
- What penalty do they deserve?
  
- Why?