

OUTLINE OF ROMANS

1A THE EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL chap 1-8

Note: this section deals with doctrinal issues

1B Paul's personal introduction chap 1:1-15

2B The need for salvation chap 1:16-3:20

1C The Gentiles need it, because they are sinners chap 1:16-32

2C The Jews need it, because they are sinners chap 2:1-3:8

3C All mankind needs it, because all are sinners chap 3:9-20

3B The provision of salvation chap 3:21-8:39

1C The justification of the sinner chap 3:21-5:21

It is by faith, apart from the deeds of the law. This is what God does for us.

1D It is accomplished by Christ's redemption chap 3:21-31

2D The example of Abraham's justification by faith chap 4

3D Two federal heads - the first Adam and the last Adam chap 5

2C The sanctification of the sinner chap 6:1-8:39

It is by regeneration, resulting in transformation. This is what God does in us.

1D The sin nature is removed, and the new nature is given chap 6

2D The battle with remaining sin is described chap 7

3D The victory over remaining sin is declared chap 8

2A THE EXPLANATION OF ISRAEL'S TRANSFORMATION chap 9-11

Note: this section deals with covenantal issues. Israel was made up of both saved and unsaved people. But now, the unbelieving Israelites are broken off from the covenant community, so that only believing Jews are left in it, and with them a New Covenant was made. To them, the believing Gentiles were grafted in. This is the nature of the New Nation of Israel. It is made up of only of those who are saved, whether Jew or Gentile. They alone are now the people of God.

1B God chooses out from among the Jews those whom he will save chap 9

2B Almost all the Jews have rejected the message of the gospel chap 10

3B A remnant of Jews and multitudes of Gentiles make up new Israel chap 11

3A THE EXHORTATION TO HOLY LIVING chap 12-16

Note: this section deals with practical issues

1B Issues regarding interpersonal relationships chap 12

2B Issues regarding interaction with civil authorities chap 13:1-7

3B Issues regarding obedience to the 10 Commandments chap 13:8-14

4B Issues regarding stronger and weaker brethren chap 14:1-15:14

5B Concluding remarks

1C Paul's plans chap 15:15-33

2C Paul's greetings, encouragements, and prayers chap 16

THEME: God's plan of salvation explained and applied

Key verse: Romans 11:36 For of him, and through him, and to him, *are* all things: to whom *be* glory for ever. Amen.