

**Romans 1:1-7**  
The Gospel of God

*Paul a servant of Jesus Christ ...*

- I. With a Message from God
  - A. Based on His Promise
  - B. Regarding His Son
  - C. According to His Power
- II. Good News for Sinners
  - A. Content
  - B. Scope
  - C. Demands
- III. For Christ's Sake
  - A. Apostleship
  - B. Proclamation
  - C. Salvation

*... grace and peace.*

**Children, Listen ...**

1. Whose Word, including the letter to the Romans, is the Bible?
2. Who directed the writers of the Bible to write what they wrote?
3. Who wrote Romans?
4. What is Romans about?
5. What is the Gospel about?

**Romans 101**

Romans is the Gospel, that is what it's author was all about. But the Gospel is hardly one dimensional as any study of it will reveal and as we will see as we venture into a series from this great epistle. Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit is writing to a very young Christian church and his focus is on the body of Christ in, of all places, notorious Rome! It is clear that Paul saw the need to heavily reinforce the most basic Gospel truths: God reconciles sinners to Himself through the work of His Son Jesus, he transforms their lives through the power of the Word and the work of the Holy Spirit, and he calls them to live holy lives in response to the great grace that he has shown them. At the same time Paul is not afraid to explore the heights of profound doctrinal truths that lie behind the fundamentals, lending to it a theological richness and depth distinguishing it in many ways from its equally inspired companion epistles. The truths contained in Romans both simple and complex are as alive for us today as they were for the original readers and the exposition and application of them is as vital today as it has been from the time of its writing. My goal, with much grace and the help of the Holy Spirit, is to both drive home the basics and set forth the intricacies of theology found in this wonderful letter. It is my hope that from the youngest child to the oldest senior, from the Bible novice to the theologically astute among us, that the Word of God will be understood, believed, appreciated and applied. May God grant us all the discipline and grace we need as we embark on this endeavor together.