

NOT ASHAMED

An Introduction to Romans

Paul's purpose in writing Romans is...

- To FORTIFY the church in the truth.
- To promote UNITY in the church (especially between Jews and Gentiles).
- To motivate the church towards their MISSION.

Paul accomplished His purposes by UNPACKING the GOSPEL.



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. What is your experience with the book of Romans? Are you new to it, or have you studied it before? How has it impacted your life?
2. Read Romans 2:11-12 and 16:25. Why do you think Paul wanted to fortify the church? Why was this important to him? (see also Eph 4:14, 2 Tim 4:2-4)
3. Describe the situation in the Roman church that created potential for disunity. Are there any issues in the church today that create the same sort of potential for disunity?
4. How does the Gospel message call us to unity? (see Romans 12:16-18, 15:1-7)
5. According to Romans 15:18-24, what was Paul's missionary plans? How is this different than mere evangelism? How should this inform our priority in missions?
6. Read Romans 1:16-17. What stands out to you about this description of the Gospel? This message help fortify the church, unify the church, and motivate our mission? Take time to try and memorize this together.
7. As you look forward to studying Romans, what excites you? What questions do you have?

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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