



ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

Who Wrote the letter to the Romans?

“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God” (1:1) tells us plainly that the apostle Paul wrote Romans.

Who was the letter to the Romans written for?

“To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ” (1:7). Rome was the capital of the world in the New Testament days.

Where was the letter to the Romans written from?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:1-5 and you'll find out that on St. Paul's third missionary journey he passed through Macedonia on his way to Corinth to collect money from the churches to take to the poor in Jerusalem. Acts 20:3 says he stayed in Corinth for three months before going back through Macedonia and then to Jerusalem. In Romans 15:25,26, he talks about being ready to take this money to Jerusalem, so he probably wrote Romans while in Corinth about 58 AD.

The theme and brief outline of the letter to the Romans

The gospel is God's power to save everyone – Jew or Gentile. The theme is stated in Romans 1:16,17, “*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*” People want to be saved from their sins and Romans is a gold mine full of how salvation comes about, both from God's side and man's side. Basically, Romans talks about man's need to be saved (chapters 1-3:23) with the rest of the book discussing both God's and man's part in salvation.