

# ***SURVEY OF THE BOOK OF ROMANS***

## ***Introduction: The Revelation of Righteousness (1:1-17)***

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  - A. Paul's Personal Introduction to the Romans (1:1-6)
  - B. Paul's Formal Introduction to the Romans (1:7).
- II. Thanksgiving for the Romans (1:8-15)
  - A. Paul's Prayer of Thanks for the Romans (1:8-10).
  - B. Paul's Desire to Visit the Romans (1:11-15).
- III. The Theme of the Book of Romans (1:16-17)
  - A. The Pride of the Gospel - "*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ*"
  - B. The Power of the Gospel - "*For it is the power of God*"
  - C. The Pardon of the Gospel - "*To salvation*"
  - D. The Perception of the Gospel - "*To every one that believes*"
  - E. The People of the Gospel - "*To the Jew first, and also to the Greek*"

## ***Condemnation: The Need for Righteousness (1:18-3:20)***

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  - C. The Privilege of the Jews (3:1-8)
- III. The Proof of Universal Guilt (3:9-20)
  - A. Who is the greatest among the people of the earth?
  - B. There is none righteous, "*no, not one.*" (3:10)
  - C. Paul made an attempt to offer valid points that the Jews had forgotten.

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