



ANNOUNCEMENT:

Third Quarter/Second of Thirteen Sundays

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

New Testament #6

ROMANS

Key Theme

- *The Righteousness of God.* People are made right with God (“justified”) by faith alone apart from human effort, a salvation available to all regardless of ethnic identity.

Author

The Apostle Paul, whose Jewish name was Saul, written from Corinth about AD 57.

Recipients

The Church at Rome

Interesting Facts about Romans

1. Paul’s plan to visit Rome on his way to Spain was changed by his arrest in Jerusalem (Acts 21-28). As a prisoner, though, he eventually got to Rome and preached the gospel there (Acts 28:30-31). Paul may have gone to Spain after his release, but this is uncertain since Acts ends with Paul still in prison.
2. The letter was evidently carried by Phoebe, a woman and deacon (or “servant”) from the church at Cenchrea (16:1).
3. The letter was dictated by Paul to a secretary (or, *amanuensis*) named Tertius, who identifies himself in 16:22.

Overview

The central theme of the letter is the righteousness of God (1:16-17). All people, whether Jew or Gentile, are sinful and stand condemned before a righteous and perfect God. It is only through the sacrificial death of Christ on the cross that people can be made right with God. On the basis of Christ’s payment for sin, God “justifies,” or declares righteous, those who have faith in him.

Weather

Whether the weather be fine,
Or whether the weather be not,
Whether the weather be cold,
Or whether the weather be hot,
We’ll whether the weather
Whatever the weather
Whether we like it or not.

**Aleksandra
Lachut**



Pray a special prayer for the people affected by the tsunami in Japan!