

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

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ANDY NASELLI – *Paul's letter to the Romans is arguably the single most important piece of literature in the history of the world*

MARTIN LUTHER: *This epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and is truly the purest gospel. It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that he should occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. We can never read it or ponder over it too much; for the more we deal with it, the more precious it becomes and the better it tastes.*

JOHN CALVIN – *If we have gained a true understanding of this epistle, we have an open door to all the most profound treasures of Scripture.*

JOHN PIPER – *Romans is the most important theological, Christian work ever written.*

BEN MERKLE – *Paul's letter to the church at Rome is the greatest letter ever written because of its great impact in history, its grand theology about Christ, and its practical instructions for Christian living.*

DANIEL DORIANI – *This letter is relatively short- it takes about 60 minutes to read aloud- but it is profound. It explains and results in and applies the greatest news we could hear... We don't study this great letter as we would examine a great poem or novel. In Romans we have the inspired summary of the truth about God, man, sin, salvation, and righteousness. It is a message to study; more deeply, it is a message to believe, for it grants life, reveals and inculcates God's love, and moves us to walk with our Lord.*

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amanuensis – Rom 16:22 - I, Tertius, who write this letter, greet you in the Lord.

DATE WRITTEN – AD 55 and 58

AD 49... Claudius banished the Jews from Rome.

Acts 18:2 - And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, having recently come from Italy with his wife

PURPOSES FOR WRITING...

1. To introduce himself.
2. To confirm that his teaching was theologically sound.
3. To defend his apostleship.
4. To resolve the conflict between Jews and Gentiles.
5. To solicit their help for a future trip to Spain.
6. To bring glory to God.
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SUMMARY THEME STATEMENT – *Romans presents the glory of God as revealed in the gospel, a message that unites all believers in worship, mission, and practice.*

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Rom 1:16 - *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.*

AN OVERALL OUTLINE OF THE BOOK:

The Universal Condition	1-2
The Singular Cure	3-11
The Expected Conduct	12-15

The 3 most important ways Paul desired the Romans to think about him:

I. BY THE MASTER HE SERVES

1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus...

doulos = 'slave'

Hebrew— YHWH (*Yahweh; Jehovah; LORD*)

Greek — *kurios* (*Lord*)

Christ = 'anointed one' = Messiah

Rom 10:9 - that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved...

1 Cor 12:3 - ... no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit.

Phil 2:11 - ...every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Three aspects to Lordship (John Frame)...

1 – LORDSHIP MEANS CONTROL

Eph 1:11 – (He) works all things after the counsel of His will...

*Heb 1:2–3 – 2... through whom also He made the world.
3...and upholds all things by the word of His power.*

Rom 11:36 - For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever.

Gen 50:20 - ... you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good in order to bring about this present result...

Acts 2:23 – (Jesus was) delivered over by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death.

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2 – LORDSHIP MEANS AUTHORITY

His authority is ABSOLUTE.

Rom 9:20 - ... who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it?

John 14:15 - If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

LOYALTY to Him must transcend all other loyalties:

Exo 20:3 - You shall have no other gods before Me.

Matt 10:38–39 – 38...he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. 39 He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it.

Phil 3:8 - ... I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ...

Acts 5:29 - ...We must obey God rather than men.

1 Cor 10:31 - Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

2 Cor 10:5 - ... we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ...

Col 3:23 - Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men...

Three aspects to Lordship (John Frame)...

3 – LORDSHIP MEANS PRESENCE

Gen 26:3 - ...I will be with you and bless you...

Matt 28:20 - ... I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

***Matt 6:24** - No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.*

***Rom 6:22** - (You have been) *been freed from sin and enslaved to God**

***1 Cor 6:19 – 19** Or do you not know...that you are not your own? **20** For you have been bought with a price...*