

Romans: Lesson 1

Introduction: Background and Purpose

Lesson Text: Romans 1:1-17; 15:14-16:27

Background Text: Acts 15:1-31; 19:21-22; 20:1-3

Assignment: Read the lesson text (at least) 3-5 times prior to class; if possible, reference multiple translations. Questions are provided below as an additional aid to prepare for class discussion.

Study Guide Questions:

1. Describe Paul's work and responsibilities as a preacher of the gospel. (Ro. 1:5, 13-15; 15:15-21)
2. Describe Paul's relationship with the saints in Rome. (Ro. 1:5-6, 8-15; 15:22-24, 30-33; cf. 16:3-16)
3. Summarize Paul's travel plans at the time this letter was written. (Ro. 15:24-29; cf. Ac. 19:21-22; 20:1-3)
4. What had prevented Paul from visiting the Roman brethren in the past? (Ro. 1:13; 15:19b-23)
5. Read Acts 15:1-31 to gain an overall understanding of the basic Jew/Gentile issues prevalent among the early church. What did the Jewish false teachers teach regarding salvation for Gentiles? (Ac. 15:1, 5)
6. According to the inspired writers, how are Gentiles saved? (Ac. 15:6-29; cf. Ac. 10:34-35, 43; 13:38-39)