

Romans Introduction

- Divine Righteousness Revealed

- Rom 1:16-17



Answering Eight Questions

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- Who was it written to?
- Where was it written from?
- When was it written?



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Who Wrote It? Authorship

- Paul as author-1:1
- Tertius as scribe or amanuensis-16:22
- Phoebe as deliverer-16:1



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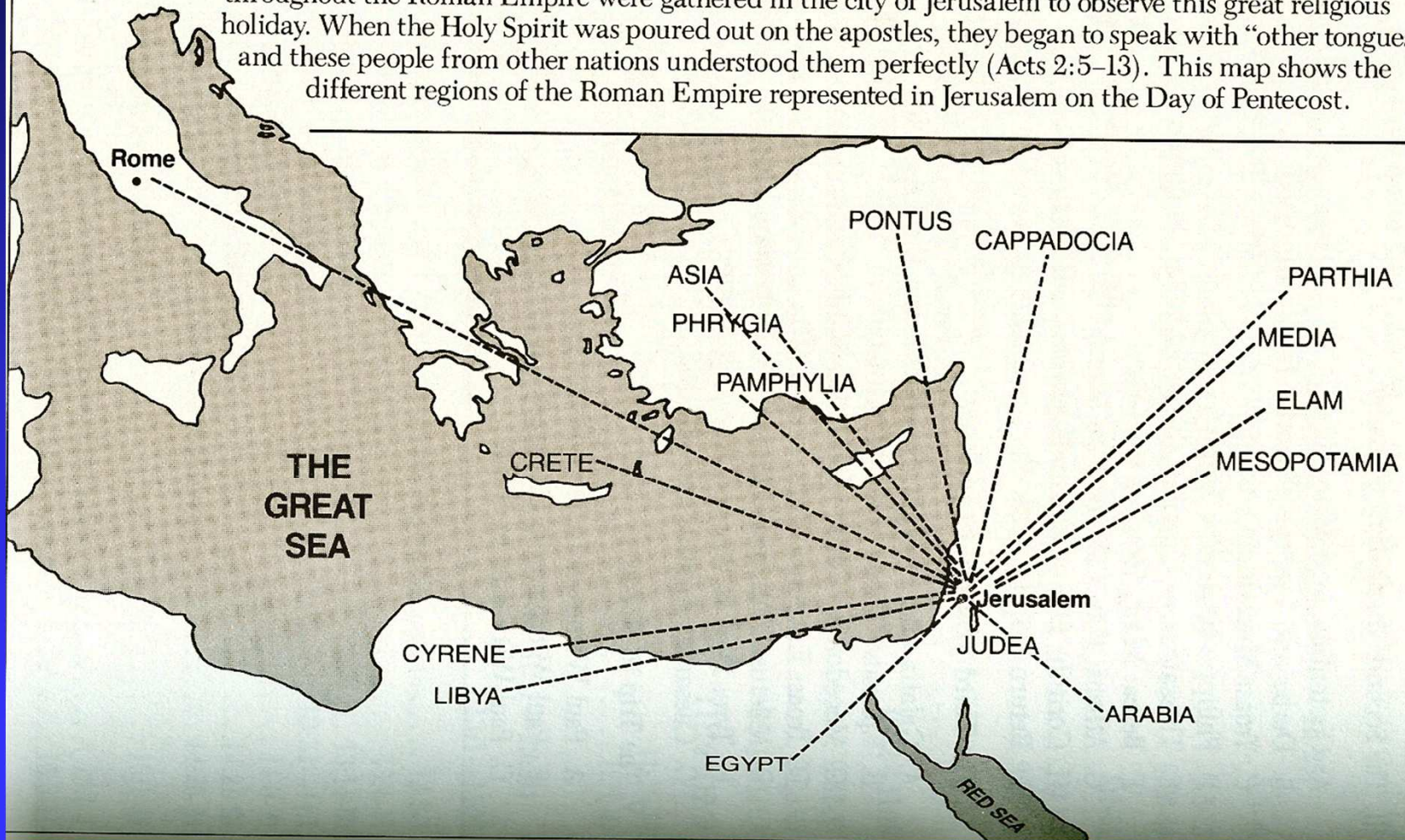
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The Nations of Pentecost

Pentecost, a Jewish feast also known as the Feast of Weeks, marked the completion of the barley harvest. On this annual holiday about 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus, Jewish people from throughout the Roman Empire were gathered in the city of Jerusalem to observe this great religious holiday. When the Holy Spirit was poured out on the apostles, they began to speak with "other tongues," and these people from other nations understood them perfectly (Acts 2:5-13). This map shows the different regions of the Roman Empire represented in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost.



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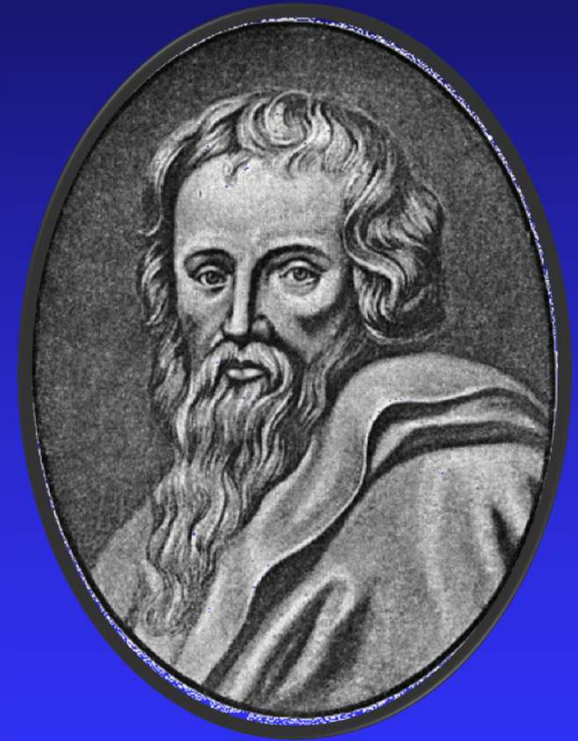




Where Was It Written From?

Place of Writing

- Corinth
- 16:23-Greeting from Gaius (1 Cor 1:14) and Erastus (2 Tim 4:20)
- 16:1-Letter dispatched from Cenchrae

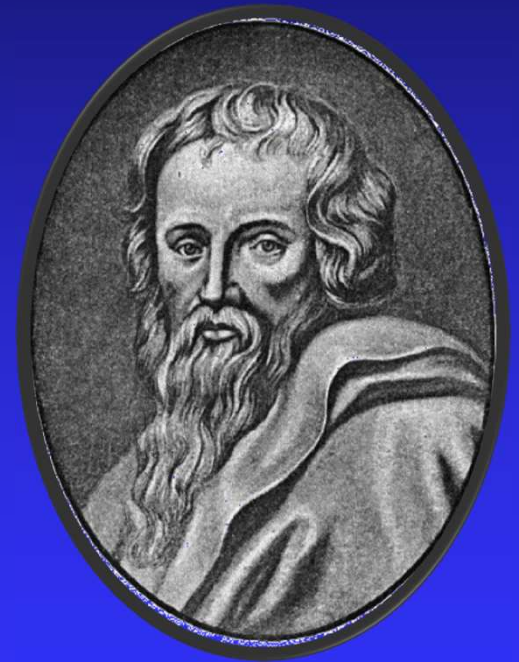


Every Geographical Location in Acts/Epistles



When Was it Written? Date

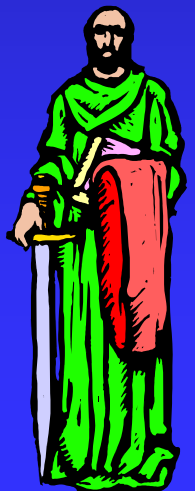
- Anticipated visit to Corinth (2 Cor 13:1-2; Acts 20:2-4)
- Toward end of 3rd missionary journey
- A.D. 57
- 6th letter



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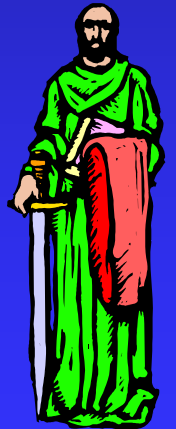
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- Vindicate God's righteousness (Rom 1:18-25; 3:25-26; 9:14; 11:33)
- Preserve the Gospel (Rom 15:31)
- Refute false teachers (Rom 16:17-20)
- Counter growing anti-Semitism (Acts 18:2; Rom 9-11)



Message

- The gospel allows people to attain the righteousness of God through justification, sanctification, glorification, and service to others and because God has not cancelled His promises to Israel neither will He cancel His promises to those who have believed the gospel



3 Phases of Salvation



- **Justification:** freedom from sin's penalty
- **Sanctification:** freedom from sin's power
- **Glorification:** freedom from sin's presence

Three Tenses of Salvation

Phase	Justification	Sanctification	Glorification
Tense	Past	Present	Future
Saved from sin's:	Penalty	Power	Presence
Scripture	Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5	Philip 2:12	Rom 5:10

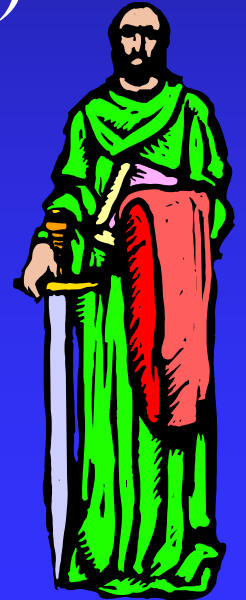
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- Salvation (3:21–5:21)
- Sanctification (6–8)
- Sovereignty (9–11)
- Service (12:1–15:13)
- Conclusion (15:14–16:27)



Sin (1:18–3:20)

- Condemnation of the Gentile (1:18-32)
- Condemnation of the moralist (2:1-16)
- Condemnation of the Jew (2:17–3:8)
- Condemnation of the world (3:9-20)



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Sanctification (6–8)

- Believer's relationship to sin-6
- Believer's relationship to the Law-7
- Believer's relationship to the Spirit-8



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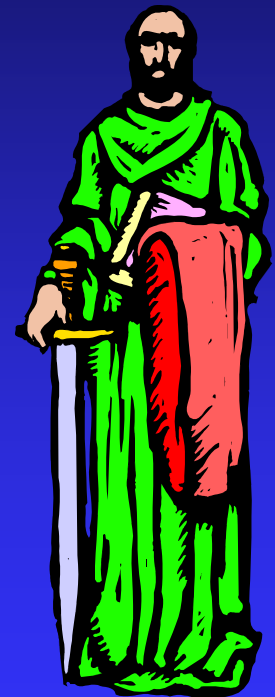
Sovereignty (Rom 9–11)



- Israel in the past: elected (Rom 9)
- Israel in the present: rejected (Rom 10)
- Israel in the future: accepted (Rom 11)

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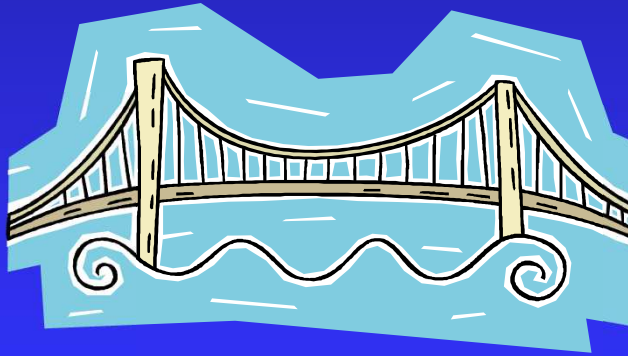
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Romans 12:1

Therefore...

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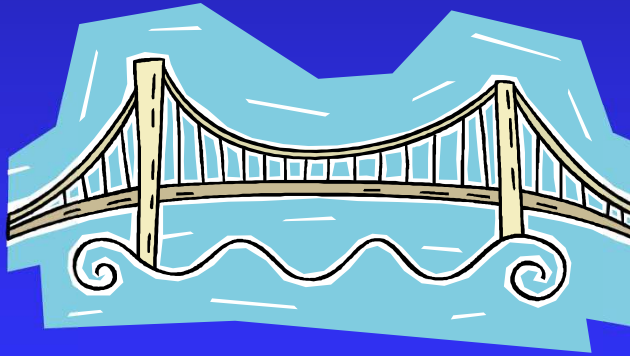
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Ephesians 4:1

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Galatians 5:1

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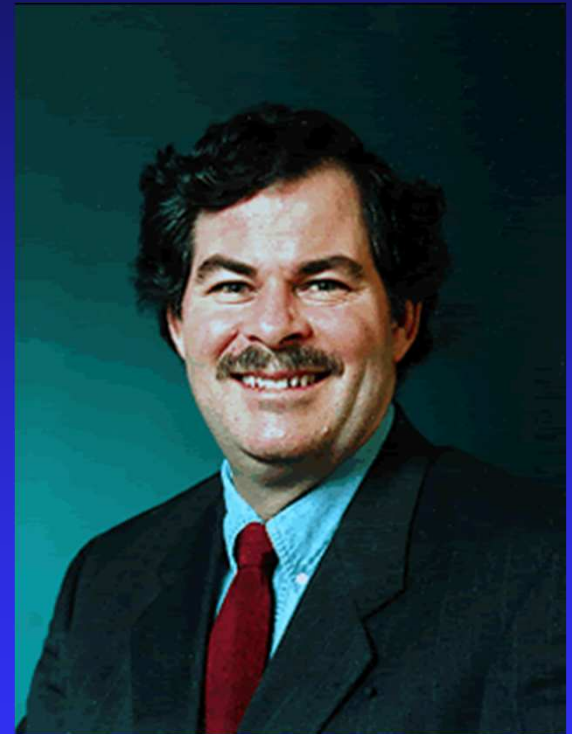
Unique Characteristics

- Presentation of a case
- Theological
- Formal
- Length
- OT citations
- No Pauline contact with the audience
- Influence



Influence of Romans

- Romans “...stands behind virtually all great movements of God in the last 1900 years.”



Wallace, “Romans: Introduction, Outline, and Argument,” 1.

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- What is inside? 7 part outline
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Theological formality

