



Lesson 1 Introduction

Paul's Epistle to the Romans is still transforming people's lives, just the way it has transformed many in the past. These transformations are the fruit of this wonderful letter written by Paul from Corinth about the year A.D. 56. The letter was carried to the Christians at Rome by one of the members of the church at Cenchrea, Sister Phebe (Rom. 16:1).

Imagine! You and I can read and study the same inspired letter that brought life and power to countless lives for centuries! And the same Holy Spirit who taught them can teach us! You and I can experience revival in our hearts, homes, and churches if the message of this letter grips us as it has gripped men and women of faith in centuries past.

In the opening verses of the letter, Paul introduces himself to the believers in Rome. Some of them must have known him personally, since he greets them in the final chapter; but many of them he had never met. So, in these first seventeen verses, Paul seeks to link himself to his Roman readers in three ways.

Read Romans 1:1-17

His Credentials 1:1-7

1. A _____ 1:1a
2. An _____ 1:1b
3. A _____ 1:1c-4
4. A _____ 1:5-7

His Concern 1:8-15

1. He was _____ 1:8
2. He was _____ 1:9-10
3. He was _____ 1:11-12
4. He was _____ 1:13-14

His Confidence 1:16-17

1. The _____ of the Gospel 1:16a
2. The _____ of the Gospel 1:16b
3. The _____ of the Gospel 1:16c
4. The _____ of the Gospel 1:16d-17