

*Romans*

*"Who is Paul?"*

*Overview*

*Romans 1:1*

*Romans 11:36*

*"From Him and through Him and to Him are all things.*

*To Him be glory forever."*

The only privilege we have is to adjust to the justice of God and if we don't adjust to the justice of God then the justice of God will adjust to us in discipline.

God will also place you in exactly the right place to have you trained for maximum effectiveness in the ministry.

The Jews despised the Greeks and Romans and vice versa, so

Paul, a Roman citizen and a Greek culture expert could do what John and Peter could not; become all things to all people that he might win some to Christ!

As Saul grew up, he was zealous for Judaism, especially its Pharisaic interpretation and so he became very hostile to Christians.

Saul is now recognizing what he had been hearing all along, that Jesus was indeed the promised Messiah of the OT.

In Judaism, righteousness came by obeying the commandments that were added by the Pharisees—traditions of men.

The Sanhedrin had no authority outside Jerusalem and Judea, so here in giving him letters, they are clearly violating Roman law by giving him permission to do this.

This is the resurrected Lord appearing to Saul and confronting him with his sin against the Christ—not just against the Christians but they are viewed as the body of Christ.

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God is not impressed with anything that we do; He is only impressed with what Christ did.

When Paul left Jerusalem and went back to Tarsus there was peace in the church in Jerusalem!

During this time he was preaching the kingdom of God, related to the OT prediction that the Messiah would come to offer the kingdom, but because Jesus was crucified, the kingdom was postponed.

**Many things stated in Romans are personal to the author of the epistle and consistent with what we know about the life and ministry of the apostle Paul by the chronology in the book of Acts.**

**Paul argues that since God has graciously provided salvation through His beloved Son to helpless sinners, they should accept the gift and dedicate their lives to Him in response. It's important to understand that that sanctification follows justification but it's not identical to justification.**

**The love of God is absolutely dependable, because He is absolutely faithful and will never leave us nor forsake us.**

**Nevertheless, God has not cut off Israel from His promises and the promises and the covenants from the OT still belong to Her.**

**“I didn't ask you what you were going to do after seminary; I asked you what you wanted to be?”**

**To Paul, every believer in Jesus Christ is a slave to Him, as we belong totally to Him.**

**Self-promotion is  
self-destructive in the Christian life.**

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**We are slaves or servants of Jesus Christ and that should mean that we have an all-consuming passion to serve and follow our Master.**

**Paul wrote God's message to God's people for God's glory.**

**Would you be willing to forsake your hopes, your dreams and your goals for Christ, or do you resist His will because it's not what you want for your life?**

**You're in full-time Christian ministry whatever your job is.**

**To live by faith means embracing a lifestyle that contradicts most of life.**