

A CHURCH OF GOD AT WOODSTOCK AND TRUTH ON THE WEB MINISTRIES

ROMANS

PART 1: BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

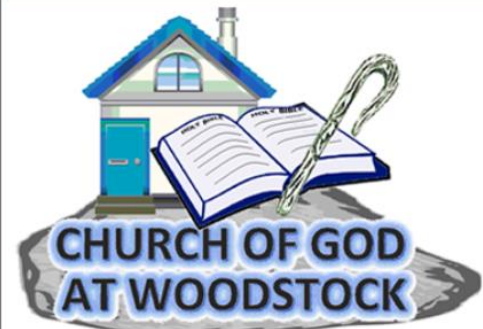


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SPIRIT WHICH IS THE WORD OF GOD

A CHURCH OF GOD IN WOODSTOCK, ILLINOIS



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BACKGROUND

Who, When, Where and Why

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Romans 16:22

I **Tertius**, who wrote this epistle, salute you in the Lord.



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When and Where was Romans written?

Romans 1:11-13

For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me. **Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.**



TRAVELS: ACTS 18 THRU 21

When & Where



Acts 18:1-17

Acts 18:1-2 After these things Paul departed from Athens, and came **to Corinth**; And found a certain Jew named **Aquila**, born in Pontus, lately come from Italy, with his wife **Priscilla**; (because that Claudius had commanded all Jews to **depart from Rome**;) and came unto them.

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When & Where



Acts 18:18-19a And Paul after this tarried there yet a good while, and then took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence into **Syria**, and with him **Priscilla and Aquila**; having shorn his head in **Cenchrea**: for he had a vow. And he came to **Ephesus**...

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When & Where

Acts 18:21-22 But bade them farewell, saying, I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem: but I will return again unto you, if God will. And he **sailed from Ephesus**. And when he had landed at **Caesarea**, and **gone up**, and **saluted the church**, he went down to **Antioch**.



TRAVELS: ACTS 18 THRU 21

When & Where



Acts 18:23 And after he had spent some time there, he departed, and went over all the country of **Galatia and Phrygia** in order, strengthening all the disciples.

Acts 19:1a And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts **came to Ephesus...**

TRAVELS: ACTS 18 THRU 21

When & Where



Acts 20:1-2

Acts 20:1-2 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul called unto him the disciples, and embraced them, and departed for to go into **Macedonia**. And when he had gone over those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into **Greece**,

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When & Where



Acts 20:3-4

Acts 20:3-4 And there abode three months. And when the Jews **laid wait for him**, as he was about to **sail into Syria**, he purposed to return through **Macedonia**. And there accompanied him into Asia Sopater of Berea; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timotheus; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus.

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When & Where

Acts 20:16 For Paul had determined to **sail by Ephesus**, because he would not spend the time in Asia: for he hasted, if it were possible for him, to be at **Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.**



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When & Where

Romans 15:23-26

But now having no more place in these parts, and **having a great desire these many years to come unto you**; Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat filled with your company. **But now I go unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution** for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem.



TRAVELS: ACTS 18 THRU 21

When & Where



Paul's Letter to The Saints at Rome written sometime during this period...

Probably from Corlnth

Acts 20:3-21:17
Traveled between
Unleavened Bread and
Pentecost

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When & Where

Romans 16:23a

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Erastus - Chamberlain: Corinth's commissioner for public works and city treasurer at various times

1 Corinthians 1:14

I thank God that I baptized none of you, but Crispus and **Gaius**;



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When & Where

Romans 16:1-2

I commend unto you **Phebe our sister**, which is a servant of the church which is at **Cenchrea**: That ye receive her in the Lord, as becometh saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you: **for she hath been a succourer of many, and of myself also.**



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When & Where



These chapters span at least four years

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- Were the 'Jews' expelled or was it the Jews and Christians? Not clear who Claudius' edict was directed at, but there were often troubles between the Jews and Christians which the Romans were not pleased with. At the time this edict was enacted the Romans still considered Christianity just a sect of Judaism.



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Why was Romans written?

Acts 19:21

After these things were ended, Paul **purposed in the spirit**, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, **I must also see Rome.**



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Why

Romans 1:11–15

For I long to see you, that I may **impart unto you some spiritual gift**, to the end **ye may be established**; That is, that I may be **comforted together** with you by the mutual faith both of you and me. Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that **I might have some fruit among you also**, even as among other Gentiles. I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. So, as much as in me is, **I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.**

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Why

Romans 15:20–24

Yea, so have I strived to **preach the gospel, not where Christ was named**, lest I should build upon another man's foundation: But as it is written, To whom he was not spoken of, they shall see: and they that have not heard shall understand. For **which cause** also I have been **much hindered from coming to you**. But now having **no more place in these parts**, and having a great desire these many years to come unto you; Whensoever I take my journey into Spain, I will come to you: for I trust to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first I be somewhat **filled with your company**.



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Why

Romans 15:28–29

When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will **come by you into Spain**. And I am sure that, when I come unto you, **I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of Christ**.



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Why

2 Corinthians 12:20–21 For I fear, lest, **when I come, I shall not find you such as I would**, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults: And lest, when I come again, my God will humble me among you, and that I shall bewail many which have sinned already, and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they have committed.



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2 Corinthians 13:2 I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that, if I come again, **I will not spare:**

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OVERVIEW

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Chapter 1

Overview

v1:1–3: Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, **called to be an apostle**, separated unto the gospel of God, (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) Concerning his **Son Jesus Christ our Lord**, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

v7: To all that be in Rome, **beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

v21: Because that, when **they knew God**, they **glorified him not** as God, **neither were thankful**; but became **vain** in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was **darkened**.



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Chapter 2

Overview

v1–2: Therefore thou art **inexcusable**, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for **thou that judgest doest the same things**. But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

v11–12: For there is **no respect of persons with God**. For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish **without law**: and as many as have sinned **in the law** shall be judged by the law;



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Chapter 3

Overview

v1–2: What advantage then hath the Jew? or what profit is there of circumcision? **Much every way:** chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.

v10: As it is written, **There is none righteous, no, not one:**

v28–29: Therefore we conclude that a man is **justified by faith without the deeds of the law.** Is he the God of the **Jews only? is he not also of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also:**



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Chapter 4

Overview

v3: For what saith the scripture? Abraham **believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.**

v8: **Blessed** is the man to whom the Lord will **not impute sin.**

v15: Because the **law worketh wrath:** for where no law is, there is no transgression.

v20: **He staggered not at the promise of God** through unbelief; but **was strong in faith**, giving glory to God;



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Chapter 5

Overview

v1: Therefore being **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our **Lord Jesus Christ**:

v6: For when we were yet without strength, in due time **Christ died for the ungodly**.

v11: And not only so, but we also **joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ**, by whom we have now received the atonement.

v21: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might **grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life** by **Jesus Christ** our Lord.



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Chapter 6

Overview

v6: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we **should not serve sin**.

v12: **Let not sin therefore reign** in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.

v15: **What then? shall we sin**, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.

v23: For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through **Jesus Christ our Lord**.



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Chapter 7

Overview

v5–6: For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth **fruit unto death**. But now we are **delivered from the law**, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should **serve in newness of spirit**, and not in the oldness of the letter.

v9: For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, **sin revived, and I died**.

v25: I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself **serve the law of God**; but with the flesh the law of sin.

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Chapter 8

Overview

v1–4: There is therefore now **no condemnation** to them which are in **Christ Jesus**, who walk not after the flesh, but **after the Spirit**. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made **me free from the law of sin and death**. For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: That the **righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us**, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

v12–14: Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye **through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live**. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

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Chapter 8

Overview

v19: For the earnest expectation of the creature **waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.**

v27–28: And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because **he maketh intercession for the saints** according to the will of God. And we know that **all things work together for good to them that love God,** to them who are the called according to his purpose.



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Chapter 8

Overview

v37–39: Nay, in all these things we are **more than conquerors** through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to **separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**



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Chapter 9

Overview

v3: For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ **for my brethren, my kinsmen** according to the flesh:

v15–16: For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, **but of God that sheweth mercy.**

v32: Wherefore? Because **they sought it not by faith**, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at **that stumblingstone**;



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Chapter 10

Overview

v8–13: But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, thou **shalt be saved**. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, **Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed**. For there is no difference between the **Jew and the Greek**: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord **shall be saved**.

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Chapter 11

Overview

v1: I say then, **Hath God cast away his people?**
God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed
of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

v5: Even so then **at this present time** also **there**
is a remnant according to the election of grace.

v17: And if some of the branches be broken off,
and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in
among them, and with them **partakest of the**
root and fatness of the olive tree;



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Chapter 11

Overview

v18–20: Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, **but the root thee**. Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and **thou standest by faith. Be not highminded, but fear:**

v33: O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!



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Chapter 12

Overview

v9–10: Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; **cleave to that which is good.**

Be **kindly affectioned** one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

v18: If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, **live peaceably with all men.**

v21: Be not overcome of evil, but **overcome evil with good.**



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Chapter 13

Overview

v1–2: Let **every soul be subject** unto the higher powers. For there is **no power but of God**: the powers that be are ordained of God. **Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God**: and they that resist shall receive to themselves **damnation**.

v8: Owe no man any thing, **but to love one another**: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

v14: But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and **make not provision for the flesh**, to fulfil the lusts thereof.



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Chapter 14

Overview

v1: Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to **doubtful disputations**.

v7: For **none of us liveth to himself**, and no man dieth to himself.

v22–23: Hast thou faith? **have it to thyself** before God. Happy is he that **condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth**. And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: **for whatsoever is not of faith is sin**.



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Chapter 15

Overview

v7: Wherefore **receive ye one another**, as **Christ also received us** to the glory of God.

v14–15: And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, **that ye also are full of goodness**, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. **Nevertheless**, brethren, I have written the **more boldly** unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God,

v30: Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that **ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;**



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Chapter 16

Overview

v17–19: Now I beseech you, brethren, **mark them which cause divisions and offences** contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such **serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly**; and by good words and fair speeches **deceive the hearts of the simple**. For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I am glad therefore on your behalf: **but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good**, and simple concerning evil.

v27: To God only wise, **be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.**

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Paul's arrival in Rome – Acts 28



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Arrival in Rome

Acts 28:17...29

And it came to pass, that after three days Paul called the **chief of the Jews** together ... And they said unto him, We neither received letters out of Judaea concerning thee, neither any of the brethren that came shewed or spake any harm of thee. But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for **as concerning this sect**, we know that every where it is **spoken against**. And when they had appointed him a day, there came many to him into his lodging; to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them **concerning Jesus** ... some **believed** ... and some **believed not** ... Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it. And when he had said these words, the **Jews departed**, and had great reasoning among themselves.

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Arrival in Rome

Acts 28:30–31

And Paul dwelt **two whole years** in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him,
Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.



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General

Overview

Romans 1:16–17

For I am **not ashamed of the gospel of Christ**: for it is **the power of God unto salvation to every one** that believeth; to the **Jew first, and also to the Greek**. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, **The just shall live by faith.**



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- Reveals how God's Church lives in love and unity with each other and the world in **Jesus**



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Overview

Romans 16:25-26

Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my **gospel**, and the **preaching of Jesus Christ**, according to the **revelation of the mystery**, which was kept secret since the world began, But **now is made manifest**, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the **obedience of faith**:



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It is about the gospel of Jesus Christ: the power of God unto salvation to everyone

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