

Romans – Introductory Matters (Overview)

Author: Paul

Date: A.D. 57

Genre: Epistle, Letter

Theme: "The gospel"

Background/setting:

- Paul most likely wrote Romans from Corinth while on his third missionary journey (Acts 20:2-3).
 - Paul established the church at Corinth during his second missionary journey (Acts 18:1-11).
 - It is quite likely that Phoebe, whom Paul mentions in (Rom. 16:1-2), was the person who delivered the letter to Rome.

Occasion/purpose:

1. To announce Paul's plan to visit Rome and to prepare the church for his coming (Romans 15:24, 28-29; cf. Acts 19:21).
2. To present the gospel he was called to proclaim.
3. To address the issues between the Jewish and Gentile Christians in Rome