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WALK THROUGH THE NEW TESTAMENT

Lesson 5

Paul's Epistle to the

Romans

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TEN LESSONS:

1. *Overview and Relationship of the Old and New Testaments*
2. *The Life of Christ: Matthew, Mark, Luke, John*
3. *The Life of Christ – The 4 Gospels: Part 2*
4. *The Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles*
5. *The Epistle to the Romans*
6. *The Epistles to the Corinthians and the Galatians*
7. *The Prison Epistles (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, Philemon) and I and II Thessalonians*
8. *The Pastoral Epistles (I and II Timothy and Titus) and Hebrews*
9. *The General Epistles: James to Jude*
10. *The Revelation*

A COMPARISON OF THE GOSPELS AND THE EPISTLES*

Gospels

Deeds

Information

Evangelization

Plan for the Church

Epistles

Doctrine

Interpretation

Edification

Practice of the Church

**Norman L. Geisler, A Popular Survey of the New Testament, Baker, p 139,
revised by JR*

The Epistles of Paul

Probable order

Approximate Date

Galatians

AD 49

I and 2 Thessalonians

AD 51-52

1 and 2 Corinthians

AD 55-56

Romans

AD 57

Ephesians

AD 60

Colossians, Philemon, Philippians

AD 61

I Timothy

AD 62

Titus

AD 63

II Timothy

AD 67

THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS

- ***“Romans is the greatest doctrinal treatise in the NT.”*** *Frederick Godet, Swiss Bible Commentator*
- ***Romans is “the principal and most excellent part of the New Testament.”*** *William Tyndale*
- ***“Romans will delight the greatest logician and captivate the mind of the consummate genius, yet it will bring tears to the humblest soul and refreshment to the simplest mind. It will knock you down and then lift you up. It will strip you naked and then clothe you with eternal elegance.”*** *-Anon*

THE WRITER OF ROMANS

- *Saul of Tarsus, once a hater of Christ and the Church, now becomes a lover of both.*
- *He had the best credentials for what God called him to do:*
 - He was born a Jew with Roman citizenship.
 - He grew up in Tarsus, home to one of the 3 finest schools in the Roman Empire.
 - He had the best training in the Old Testament under Gamaliel in Jerusalem. (Acts 22:3)

The Conversion and Early Journeys of Saul (Paul) of Tarsus c AD 34-45

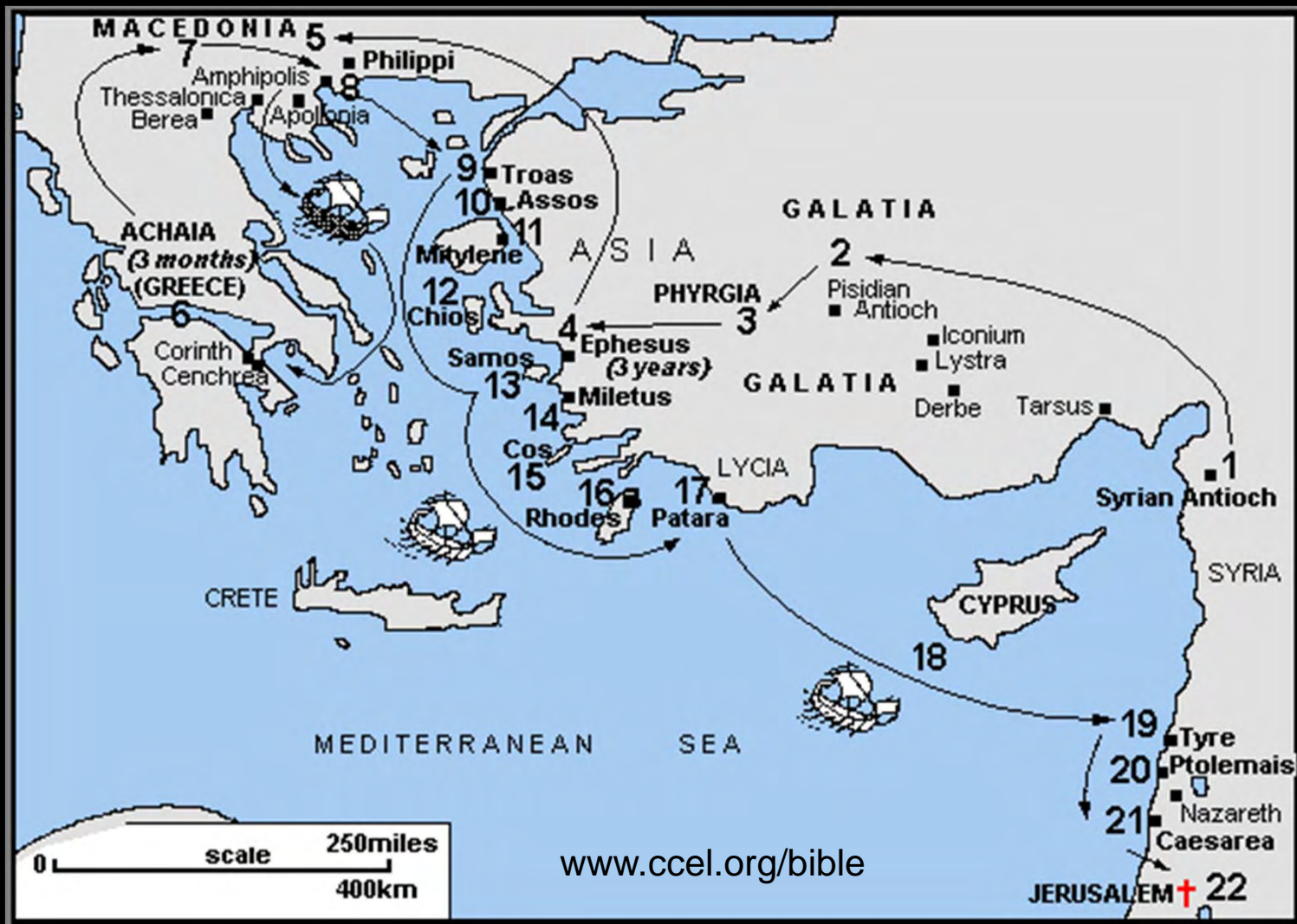


1. Tarsus: Paul's hometown
2. Trained in Jerusalem
3. Converted near Damascus
4. God-taught 3 years in Arabia
5. Returned to Damascus
6. Went up to Jerusalem
7. Preached in Caesarea
8. Returned to Tarsus
9. Ministered in Cilicia
10. Pastored in Antioch till his missionary journeys.

Paul's 3rd Missionary Journey

AD 53-58, Acts 18:23 – 21:17

Paul wrote Romans from Corinth in 56 AD



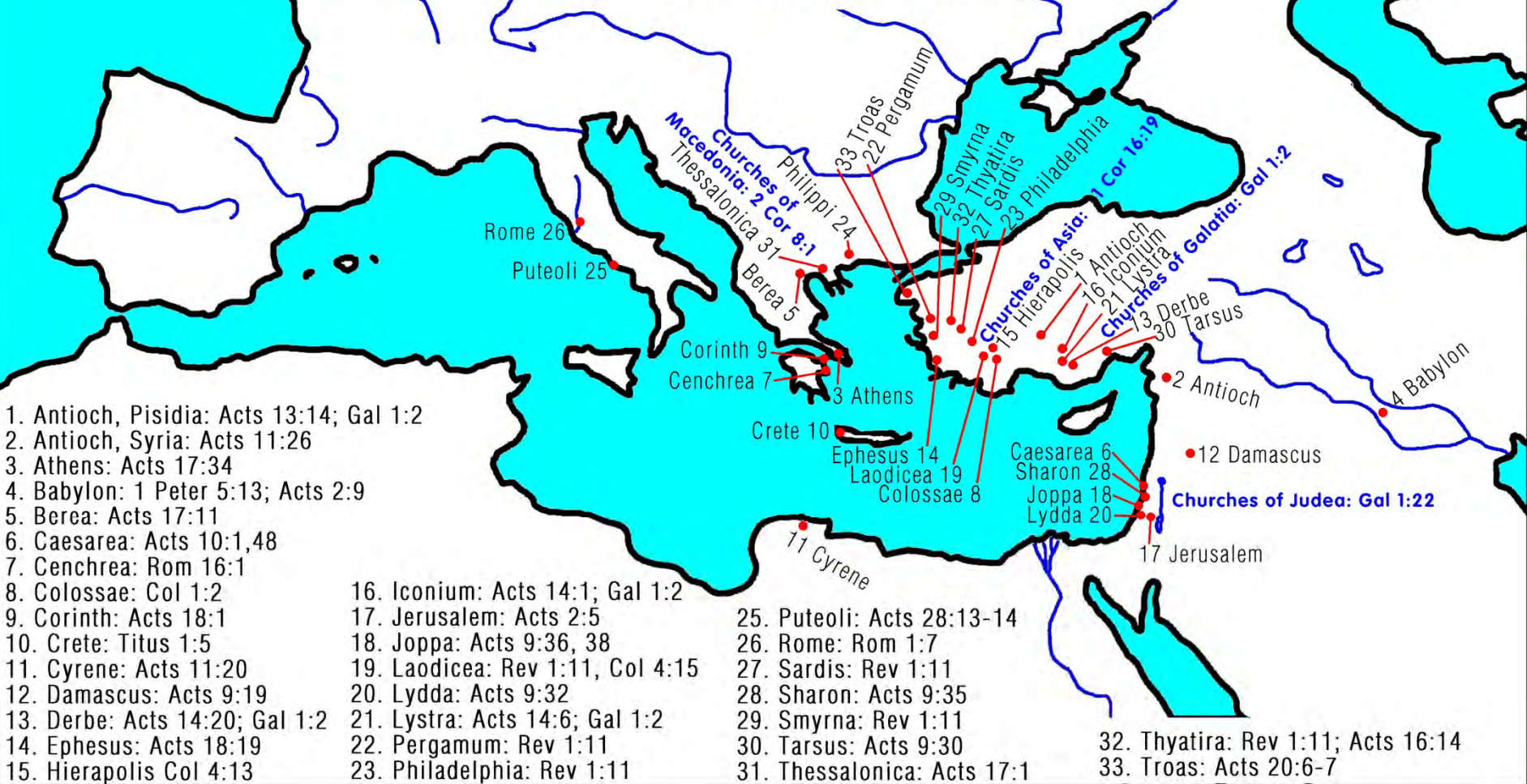
Why did Paul Write Romans?

- *The Romans had built roads to Spain.*
- *Paul wanted to take the Gospel to Spain.
(Romans 15:23-29)*
- *He needed a base of operations in Rome.*
- *He had never been to Rome, so this letter served as an introduction to the Roman church of him and the message he wanted to share.*
- *Unlike his other letters, Paul does not address any particular problems.*

Regions of Churches

- A. Region of Phoenicia: Acts 11:19
- B. Region of Samaria: Acts 8:14, 25
- C. Churches of Judea: Gal 1:22
- D. Churches of Galatia: Gal 1:2
- E. Churches of Asia: 1 Cor 16:19
- F. Churches of Macedonia: 2 Cor 8:1

Local churches of the Bible: 70 AD



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Paul wrote the Epistle to the Romans from Corinth



Corinth. The Temple of Aphrodite sits atop the Acrocorinth, 1,800 feet above the City. 1,000 prostitute priestesses served Corinth's citizens and sea-faring visitors. Paul wrote the letter to the Romans from here.

The Coliseum in Rome



The Titus Arch





- ***Romans quotes the Old Testament 57 times.***
- ***Key words in Romans:***
 - God 154 times
 - Law 77 times
 - Christ 65 times
 - Sin 45 times
 - Lord 44 times
 - Righteousness (32) and Righteous (11) 43 times
 - Faith 40 times
 - Spirit (meaning the Holy Spirit) 29 times
 - Death 28 times -- Life 21 times
 - Grace 20 times (more than any other Bible book)

ROMANS

God's Salvation for Sinners

Prologue 1:1-17

Epilogue 15:14-end

1:18 – 3:20	3:21 – 5:21	Chaps. 6 – 8	Chaps. 9 – 11	Chaps 12 -16
<i>DOCTRINAL</i>				<i>PRACTICAL</i>
<i>God's Holiness in Condemning Sin</i>	<i>God's Grace in Justifying Sinners</i>	<i>God's Power in Sanctifying Believers</i>	<i>God's Sovereignty in Saving Jew and Gentile</i>	<i>God's Glory seen in Our Service for Him</i>
<i>SIN</i>	<i>SALVATION</i>	<i>SANCTIFICATION</i>	<i>SOVEREIGNTY</i>	<i>SERVICE</i>
<i>The need of Salvation</i>	<i>The Way of Salvation</i>	<i>The Life of Salvation</i>	<i>The Scope of Salvation</i>	<i>The Service of Salvation</i>
<i>Slave to Sin</i>	<i>Slave to God</i>			<i>Slave serving God</i>

Jensen's Survey of the New Testament, Irving Jensen, Moody, p 253 (altered by JR)

Key Verses of Romans

Romans 1:16-17

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes, first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written:

“The righteous will live by faith.”

THE PROLOGUE

Romans 1:1-7

- *Paul's greeting to the saints in Rome 1:1-7*
- *Paul's commendation of those saints 1:8*
- *Paul's eagerness to visit them 1:9-15*
- *Paul's commitment to the Gospel 1:16-17*

GOD'S HOLINESS CONDEMNS SIN

Romans 1:18 – 3:20

- *God's wrath is aimed at sin worshipers* 1:18
- *Man has no excuse for his idolatry* 1:19-20
- *Man knew God but failed to glorify Him* 1:21
- *Man chose sinful thoughts & actions* 1:21-32
- *Man's heart and conscience know better* 2:1-16
- *Being Jewish outwardly doesn't cut it* 2:17-29
- *God is righteous and faithful* 3:1-8
- *Man is unrighteous and sinful* 3:9-20

GOD'S GRACE JUSTIFIES SINNERS

Romans 3: 21-5:21

- *God justifies sinners by grace thru faith 3:21-31*
- *Abraham was justified by faith 4:1-25*
- *Justification results in peace and joy 5:1-11*
- *Death came thru Adam, Life thru Christ 5:12-21*

GOD'S POWER SANCTIFIES BELIEVERS Romans 6 – 8

- ***Believers are dead to sin & alive in Christ 6:1-14***
- ***Believers are slaves to righteousness 6:15 – 7:6***
- ***All believers wrestle with our old sin nature 7:7-25***
- ***The Holy Spirit gives us victory over sin 8:1-17***
- ***In present trials, see eternal realities 8:18-39***

GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY SAVES JEWS AND GENTILES

Romans 9 – 11

- *Paul's heart cry for Jews to be saved* 9:1-3,10:1-4
 - *God sovereignly chose Israel* 9:4-23
 - *God loves Gentiles too* 9:24-33
 - *Salvation is offered to all* 10:5 – 21
 - *God has not rejected Israel* 11:1 – 10
 - *God is grafting Gentiles in* 11:11 – 24
 - *God still has a redemptive plan for Israel* 11:25 - 36
- (God is not finished with Israel.)

GOD'S GLORY IS THE OBJECT OF SERVICE

Romans 12 – 15:13

- *A living sacrifice serves God and people* 12:1-8
- *A sincere love blesses people* 12:9-21
- *We are to submit to governing authorities* 13:1-7
- *Love your neighbor as yourself* 13:8-10
- *Wake up and live right till Jesus comes* 13:11-14
- *If strong: lighten up. If weak: grow up* 14:1-15:13

THE EPILOGUE

Romans 15:14 – 16:27

- *Paul's ministry to the Gentiles* 15:13-22
- *Paul's plan to visit Rome* 15:23-33
- *Paul's personal greetings* 16:1-16
- *Paul's warning about divisions* 16:17-20
- *Paul's benediction and doxology* 16:21-27

WALK THE “ROMANS ROAD” WHEN LEADING SOMEONE TO CHRIST

- **3:10** – *“There is no one righteous, not even one.”*
- **3:23** – *“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*
- **5:12** – *“Death came to all men, because all sinned.”*
- **6:23** – *“The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.”*
- **5:8** – *“God demonstrates his own love for us in this, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”*
- **10:9-10** – *“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.”*
- **10:13** – *“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”*

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