

ROMANS + the gospel



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Key Theme

	PROPHET Chapter 1:18–3:20	PRIEST 3:21–5:21	APOSTLE 6:1–8:39	EVANGELIST 9:1–11:36	PASTOR 12:1–15:13
	The Prophet's WARNING	The Priest's COVENANT	The Apostle's TEACHING	The Evangelist's ZEAL	The Pastor's HEART
	The free will of man	The election of grace	The free will of saints	The election of grace	The free will of Christians
	Without Christ	Through Christ	In Christ	For Christ	Representing Christ
	God's wrath revealed	God's grace at work	God's people enriched	God's gospel for all	God's culture transforms
	All Winter: only death	Only Spring: all life	Summertime: freedom	Autumn days: harvest time	All seasons: living
	Key word: Condemnation	Key word: Salvation	Key word: Sanctification	Key word: Vindication	Key word: Transformation

Prologue: chapter 1:1-17 ►►► Paul's conviction and gospel commitment ◀◀◀ Epilogue: chapters 15:14–16:27

Chapters 1–5: The Way + Chapters 6–11: The Truth + Chapters 12–16: The Life

Romans ♦ A Brief Outline

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