**Romans Introduction and Outline**

This letter was written by Paul sets forth the doctrine of justification by faith, and its ramifications. Paul presents his case logically. It is a brilliant work that is very deep and yet easy to read. The main theme of the epistle is the righteousness of God, 1:16-17. The book of Romans is the most formal of all the letters written by Paul.

“It is almost universally accepted that Romans was written near the close of the so-called third missionary journey, after an extended ministry of between two and three years at Ephesus (Acts 19:8, 10). At the conclusion of this ministry, during which time he had kept in close touch with the church at Corinth by writing and a hurried visit (see 2 Cor. 2:1), he journeyed to Macedonia (Acts 20:1) and spent three months in Greece (Acts 20:2f) before setting out for Jerusalem to deliver the collection he had gathered for the poor there. This three-month stay in Greece was likely at Corinth (see 1 Cor. 16:5f.).” (Bromiley, Geoffrey W., ed. *The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia, Revised*. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 1979–1988.)

* Written by whom – Paul is the author, per Romans 1:1, 5, 7.
* Written to whom - The book of Romans was written to the Christians in Rome. They were predominately Gentile, 1:13; 11:13.
* Why was it written - Paul was anxious to minister in the church there so he wrote a letter preparing the way. He wrote it from the city of Corinth.
* Date written – From 55 – 58 A.D.

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