# PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

PAUL'S FULLEST EXPLANATION OF THE GOSPEL, THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS' LIFE, DEATH, & RESURRECTION

## SUMMARY OF CHS. 1-4

- ch. 1 ALL HUMANITY IS TRAPPED IN SIN & NEEDS TO BE RESCUED
- ch. 2 RESCUE WON'T HAPPEN BY TRYING TO OBEY THE LAWS OF THE TORAH
- ch. 3 GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS RESCUED THE WORLD THROUGH JESUS...
- ch. 4 ...TO CREATE THE FAITH-BASED, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY OF ABRAHAM

SAUL OF TARSUS, A PHARISEE
BECOMES
TORAH & TRADITION
PAUL APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES
OFFICIAL REP. OF JESUS
RADICAL!
OCCASIONALLY WROTE LETTERS

THE CHURCH of ROME (see ACTS 18:1-2)
EMPEROR CLAVDIVS
NON-JEWISH
JEWISH
JEWS EXPELLED
5 YEARS LATER
GENTILE CHRISTIANS
JEWISH CHRISTIANS
WE ARE FREE IN CHRIST!
BLASPHEMY!!
YOU MUST EAT KOSHER!!
YOU NEED TO BE CIRCUMCISED.
YOU MEET THE SABBATH!!
I WANT YOU TO BE UNIFIED!
SPAIN!

## THE GOSPEL...

### 1-4 ...REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

1:1-17 THE GOSPEL:
- IS GOD'S POWER TO SAVE PEOPLE
- REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS
  - ① HE ALWAYS DOES WHAT IS JUST & RIGHT.
  - ② HE IS FAITHFUL TO HIS PROMISES

THE RISEN JESUS IS KING OF THE NATIONS

1:18-32 ALL NATIONS ARE TRAPPED
SIN
IDOLATRY
GUILTY!

...ISRAEL IS TRAPPED TOO! 2:1-3:8
SIN
TORAH
IDOLATRY
MORE GUILTY!

3:9-26 BUT...GOOD NEWS!
JESUS BECAME WHAT WE ARE...
TRAPPED & GUILTY
...SO WE COULD BECOME WHAT HE IS.

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH "TO DECLARE RIGHTEOUS"
NEW STATUS: RIGHT WITH GOD & FORGIVEN
NEW FAMILY: INCLUDED IN GODS PEOPLE
NEW FUTURE: TRANSFORMED LIFE
"IN CHRIST"

4 WHO IS IN GOD'S COVENANT FAMILY?
GOD
DECLARED RIGHTEOUS BY HIS FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISE (GENESIS 15:6)
ALL NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED THROUGH YOU & YOUR OFFSPRING.
ABRAHAM (GENESIS 12,15)
THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH IN THE ONE WHO FULFILLED GOD'S PROMISE

### 5-8 ...CREATES A NEW HUMANITY

5 JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH CREATES NEW HUMANITY
ADAM "HUMANITY"
SIN
SLAVERY
GOD'S JUDGMENT
DEATH
JESUS "THE NEW ADAM"
FAITHFULNESS
OBEDIENCE
LOVE
LIFE

6 DEATH
LEAVE THIS HUMANITY!
BAPTISM
NEW LIFE!
WE ARE JOINED TO JESUS
WHAT'S TRUE OF HIM IS TRUE OF US.
LIBERATED to LOVE GOD & NEIGHBOR

7 WHAT WAS THE POINT OF THE LAW? (TORAH)
A THE STORY of THE TORAH
B THE 613 COMMANDS GIVEN THROUGH MOSES
GOOD & SHOW GOD'S WILL
- DON'T LIE
- DON'T STEAL
- LOVE OTHERS
- DON'T COVET

THE PARADOX IS THE POINT!
MORE GUILTY!

THE SOLUTION: JESUS & THE SPIRIT
8
MESSIAH
LAWS CIRCUMCISION
SPIRIT
RENEWED CREATION!
LIBERATED to LOVE GOD & NEIGHBOR

### 9-11 ...FULFILLS GOD'S PROMISE TO ISRAEL

MY PEOPLE, ISRAEL!!

9 ISRAEL IN THE PAST
ETHNIC ISRAEL ≠ COVENANT MEMBER
GOD SELECTED A SUBSET OF THE FAMILY
ABRAHAM
ISHMAEL
ISAAC
ESAU
JACOB
LINE OF PROMISE
THE GOLDEN CALF
PHARAOH'S REBELLION
JESUS REJECTORS
JESUS FOLLOWERS
PEOPLE'S REJECTION ACCOMPLISHES GOD'S PURPOSES

10 ISRAEL IN THE PRESENT
COVENANT RELATIONSHIP BASED ON LAWS
NEW COVENANT FAMILY BASED ON FAITH

11 ISRAEL IN THE FUTURE
JEWISH & GENTILE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS
MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY
SOME GRAFTED ON
Q: IS GOD DONE WITH ISRAEL?
A: NO!
REJECTORS OF JESUS
ONE DAY, JESUS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY HIS PEOPLE.
GOD'S COVENANT FAMILY
SOME BROKEN OFF
HOLY & DIRTY?

### 12-16 ...UNIFIES THE CHURCH

12-13 UNIFYING THROUGH LOVE & FORGIVENESS
SERVING ONE ANOTHER
SERVING
LEADING
TEACHING
GIVING
PROPHESYING
HUMILITY & FORGIVENESS
I'M SORRY... I'VE BEEN A JERK.
LOVE fulfills the TORAH

14-15 HEALING ETHNIC DIVISION
SHOW GRACE TO EACH OTHER ON NON-ESSENTIAL ISSUES
GENTILE
LOVE
JEWISH

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HONOR PHOEBE! ...SHE'S LEGIT!
SAY HI TO THE GANG!
ROMANS

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