Lion and Lamb Apologetics

ROMANS

AN OVERVIEW

Purpose

To introduce Paul to the Christians in Rome and explain his doctrine before he arrives there.

Author

Paul

Date

Written from Corinth about AD 57 as Paul was preparing for his visit to Jerusalem.

Audience

The Christians in Rome and believers everywhere

Setting

Paul's focus in Romans on Jew-Gentile issues suggests that tensions existed between Jews and Gentiles in the church in Rome. The Roman church probably began as a Jewish church, though it is not known exactly when it was established.

Special Features

Paul wrote Romans as an organized and carefully crafted statement of his theology. It does not have the form of a typical letter, although Paul does, at the end of the letter, spend considerable time greeting people in Rome.



Key Verses

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (3:23 ESV)

"For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (6:23 ESV)

"Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (5:1 ESV)

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (5:8 ESV)

"Nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." (8:39 NLT)

Key People

Paul, Phoebe

Key Place

Rome