

Good News for the world- Rom.1:1-17

Why study Romans?

- a. It is part of the Bible – 2Tim.3:16,17
 - b. We are stirred to worship as we see the amazing grace of God - 11:33-36
 - c. It promotes unity – a Church for all nations – 12:3-16; 14:1-15:33
 - d. It stirs us to mission – 1:1-15; 15:14-33
- “The purpose of Romans is the glory of God seen in a missionary Church humbled together under God” (Ash 2009:37)

A structure

1. Coming under the grace of God – ch.1-4
2. Living under God's grace – ch.5-8
3. The overflow of God's grace – ch.9-11
4. A Church shaped by grace – ch.12-16

1. The Good News is about Jesus- v.1-7

a. Planned by God – v.1,2

b. Who Jesus is:-

-Historical figure-“Son of God-in-weakness”-v.3

-Divine person – “Son of God-in-power”-v.4

c. Paul – commissioned messenger – v.1,5

d. Gospel call – v.5-7 “The obedience of faith”

2.The Gospel transforms people-v.8-15

a. Transformed lives – v.8

b. Transformed attitudes – v.9-15

- Paul's love for Jewish & Gentile Christians

- Taking the Gospel to Gentiles – v.13-15

c. Equal partners in the Church – v.11,12

3. The Good News puts us right with

God – v.16,17

a. What makes us ashamed of the Gospel?

1. Is it relevant?
2. Confronts people's pride
3. Seems weak

b. Why Paul is not ashamed

1. It is powerful to rescue all – Jew & Gentile
2. It is about God's gift of grace-to be right with him
3. The undeserved gift is received by faith