



The Book of Romans

How to be Right with God

(Introduction)

Preliminary considerations

- Hermeneutics:
 - What determines what the Bible says?
 - Apostles?
 - Early Church fathers?
 - Reformers?
 - Pastors and Teachers?
 - Logic?
 - Feeling?
 - The “Holy Spirit”?

Preliminary considerations

- Hermeneutics:
 - The Bible must speak for itself...
 - The Literal, Grammatical, Historical hermeneutic emphasizes this.

Literal:

Words are to be understood in a normal way.

This means consideration of the immediate context and broad context is required.

Historical:

God through the process of inspiration used human authors to communicate His revelation.

God has done this in various ways in history. The most common in the NT is epistolary. This means human authors and their, circumstances, audience, purpose, etc. must be considered if we are to understand what the intended meaning is.

Grammatical:

Grammar is the rules for understanding words and syntax.

This includes the fact that language utilizes figures of speech but there is grammatical guidelines to this principle.

Literal:

- Purpose
- Structure
- Themes
- Message

Historical:

- Authorship
- Date
- Audience
- Place of writing
- Occasion

Grammatical:

- Romans 1:1-16:27 (verse-by-verse)
- Word study
- Syntax

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Historical:

- Authorship:

- Tertius (Romans 16:22)
- Paul (Romans 1:1)
- God (2 Peter 1:20-21)

Historical: retracing Paul's footsteps

- Paul's 1st missionary journey:

- Damascus (Acts 9) (conversion)
- Antioch 11:25-26 (Sent Out 13:1-5)
- Salamis (Sent out)
- Paphos 13:6-12
- Perga 13:13 (John Mark leaves the missionaries)
- Antioch Pisidia 13:14 (Paul and Barnabas turn to Gentiles cf. 13:46)
- Iconium 13:51-14:4
- Lystra & Derbe 14:6 (Paul is stoned cf. 14:19-20)
- Antioch (14:26 AD 49) (Paul writes the book of Galatians cf. v. 28)
- Jerusalem 15 (Jerusalem Council)
- Antioch 15:30

***Paul's 1st missionary journey is mostly in the region of Galatia

GREEN 1st Trip

RED = 2nd Trip

BLACK = 3rd Trip



Historical:

- Date:

- Before Paul's first visit to Rome (60-62 A.D.)
(Rom. 1:10-13; 15:22-23)
- Before taking gift to Jerusalem (57-59 A.D.)
(Rom. 15:25-26)
- Before Paul's arrest in Jerusalem (59 A.D.)
(Rom. 15:30-31)

Historical:

- Date:

- Near the end of 3rd trip
- Before first imprisonment
(Acts 18:23; 20:1-3; cf. Rom. 16:21-23)
- Making the date somewhere around 57-58 A.D.
- Before the feast of Pentecost May or June
(Acts 20:6, 16)

*** Likely the spring of 57 or 58 A.D.