

TO ALL WHO ARE IN ROME (Righteousness of God)

Paul established the church in Corinth in A.D. 51-52. At his arrival he met Aquila and Priscilla, whom he stayed with. After staying in Corinth for 1 ½ years he left for Ephesus taking Aquila and Priscilla with him. He left them in Ephesus saying he had to go to Jerusalem for the feast. Shortly, Apollos came to Ephesus - Aquila and Priscilla met him in the synagogue. They later showed him the more perfect ways of God (probably church truth). Apollos went to Corinth. Paul returned to Ephesus. Because of difficulties in Corinth, he wrote a letter in A.D. 56 from Ephesus - in that letter he said Aquila and Priscilla and the church at Ephesus greets them. Towards the end of three years - a great uproar caused Paul to leave for Macedonia - Aquila and Priscilla probably returned to Italy. Paul stayed three months in Greece. Either in Corinth or Cenchrea he wrote in A.D. 57 his letter to the Romans, sending it by sister Phoebe. Among his greetings at the end of his letter - he greeted the church that met in Aquila and Priscilla's house and those who are in households.

(Two Main Points)

1. Romans 1:7-8 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called saints. I thank God (v. 8) through the Lord Jesus Christ for you all - your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.
2. Romans 15:14-15 Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren . . . Nevertheless (v. 15), my brethren, I have written more boldly to you on some points, as reminding you, because of the grace given to me by God

NOTE: (One of the points he was concerned about)

3. Acts 21:17, 20 When he had come to Jerusalem, the brethren received him gladly . . . they said to him (v. 20), how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed -- and they are all zealous for the - law
4. Acts 8:1, 4 At that time a great persecution arose against the church at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions. Therefore (v. 4) those who were scattered went everywhere preaching the word

NOTE: His concern - the brethren at Rome were believers from the preaching of the scattered ones - and were also keepers of the law for righteousness

5. Romans 1:15 So, as much as in me, I am ready to preach the gospel (Romans 2:16 my gospel) to you who are in Rome also
6. Romans 1:16-17 I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation - for in it (v. 17) the righteousness of God is - revealed

7. **Romans 3:21** **But now** the righteousness of God - apart from the law is revealed - being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets
8. **Romans 10:3** They being ignorant of - God's righteousness - seeking to establish their own
9. **Romans 3:25** Whom God set forth - as a propitiation - **by His blood** - to **demonstrate His righteousness**

BECAUSE - in His **forbearance** - God had passed over sins - **previously committed**, to - **demonstrate** (v. 26) - at the present time - **His righteousness** - that He might be **just** and the **justifier**

10. **Romans 10:3** Seeking to establish their **own** righteousness, **have not submitted** to the **righteousness of God**
11. **Romans 10:4** **Christ** - is the **end** of the law for righteousness

NOTE: The second point Paul had for the brethren

12. **Romans 12:1** I beseech you therefore, brethren, **by** the mercies of God - that you present your bodies (all at Rome) that (v. 2) - **you** may prove what is that good acceptable and perfect **will of God**
13. **Romans 16:3** Greet **Priscilla** and **Aquila my fellow workers** in Christ - Likewise (v. 5) greet the **church** that is in their house
14. **Romans 16:10** Greet those who are of the household, those (v. 11) who are of the household, the brethren (v. 14) who are with them, greet (v. 15) all the saints who are with them
15. **Romans 16:17** Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions
16. **Romans 16:25** Now to Him who is able to establish you according to - my gospel - and the preaching of Jesus Christ - according to the revelation of the mystery - kept secret since the world began

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