

ROMANS 1:1-23

THE MAN, MESSAGE, & MISSION

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Dwelling Place Church
Vision: Manifesting Christ In
Many Ways to Many People

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4 Major Sections in the NT:

Gospels – four fold testimony of the life of Jesus
Acts – historical section of the birth & growth of the early church
Epistles – Romans is the first part of this section
Revelation – apocalyptic literature

Romans = the manifesto of the Christian life.

Law = 78 times. Righteousness = 66 times. Faith = 62 times.

Theme: How we are made righteous before God by faith, the principle or the law of faith.

Romans 1:16-17 ESV – For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Romans falls into four categories: the wrath of God, the grace of God, the plan of God, and the will of God.

Pharisee = separated. Paul is not separated from something – he is separated to something.

It is possible to have a saved soul but a lost life. You're going to heaven, but you don't do anything with your life.

A saint is not a dead person. A saint is a living person.

Psalm 103:1-5 NIV

What is Paul's debt? The debt is the gospel. He was in debt to share the message with people, including Romans.

"Jew first, also to the Greek." Theological priority. Chronological priority.

Paul uses a teleological argument, the argument of design. If the world reveals design, it must therefore infer a designer.

"The undevout astronomer is mad." – Johannes Kepler

Paul's audience: the pagans, the moralists, and the religionists.

Four reasons modern Christians feel ashamed of the gospel:

- It tells us we're such spiritual failures that the only way to be saved is through a free gift.
- It tells us that we're so wicked that only the death of Jesus could save us.
- It teaches us that all so-called good, sincere people will not automatically make it to heaven.
- The gospel tells us that our salvation was accomplished by Jesus' serving and suffering, and we should expect the same in following Him.

"If my hearers are not converted, I have wasted my time; I have lost the exercise of brain and heart. I feel as if I lost my hope and lost my life, unless I find for my Lord some blood-bought ones....I would sooner bring one sinner to Jesus Christ than unpack all the divine mysteries in the Word." - Spurgeon

WELCOME!

If you have questions, please stop by the NEXT STEPS table in the foyer or look for a team member. If we can help you in any way, please email us at dwellingplacemovement@gmail.com.

Our strategy at DPC: Gather (Gatherings), Group (Connect Groups), Grow (Growth Phases), Give (Giving/Gifting Teams), Go (Outreach)

GATHER

Sundays in October - 9a + 11a
"Rome"ing Romans

In this series, our pastors will walk through the book of Romans, what Martin Luther called "the purest gospel" and "the most important piece in the New Testament." Whether you are struggling with knowing where you stand with God, or why you have such trouble keeping the commands of God, or why you can't seem to find that spiritual power you've heard so much about, the book of Romans is for you. This book contains a vast amount of the foundational theological truths of the Christian life. As Luther said, "It is impossible to read or to meditate on this letter too much or too well."

GIVE

Did you know you can give via text? Just text any dollar amount to 84321 to give. You will follow a quick, self-guided setup process to tie your mobile phone to our church, your donor account, and a payment source. After that, donating is as easy as sending a text.

GROW

Thursday, October 6 - 7p - 9p
Night Six of our Fall Semester
of Growth Phases

Join us for the sixth night of our fall semester of Growth Phases. We can't wait to see all the Lord will do in and through your life this session!

GO

Saturday, October 8 - 9a - 3p
Woodstock Firehouse
Openhouse

Get signed up to serve with us at the annual Woodstock Firehouse Openhouse! We will be serving kids and families with games and activities, handing out candy and ministering to the community. Learn more at the Next Steps table in the lobby today!

GROUP

Sunday, October 2 + 16 -
Connect Group Night

Connect groups will meet all over the area today. If you would like to join a connect group, please visit the Next Steps table in the lobby.