

An Introduction
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Starting the foundational letter
of the New Testament

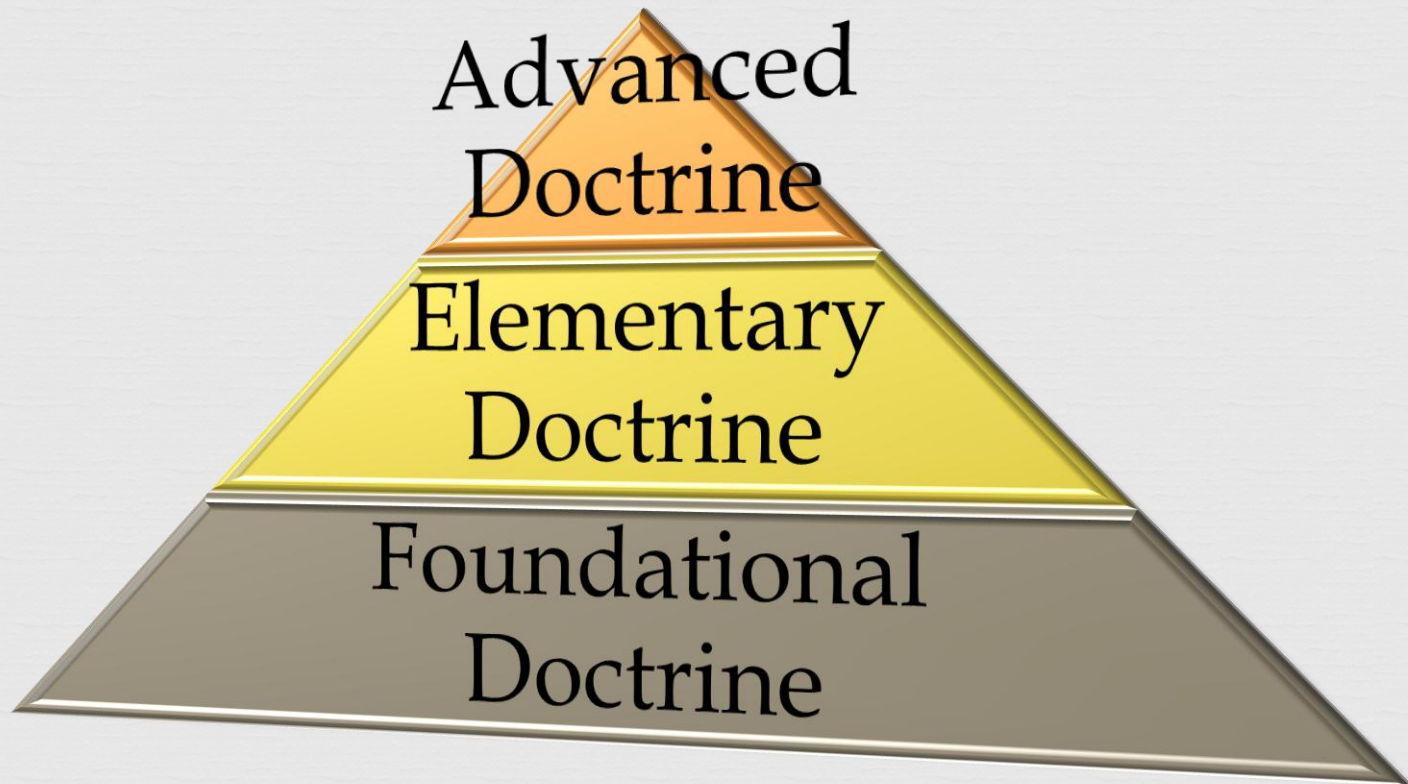
The Importance of *Romans*



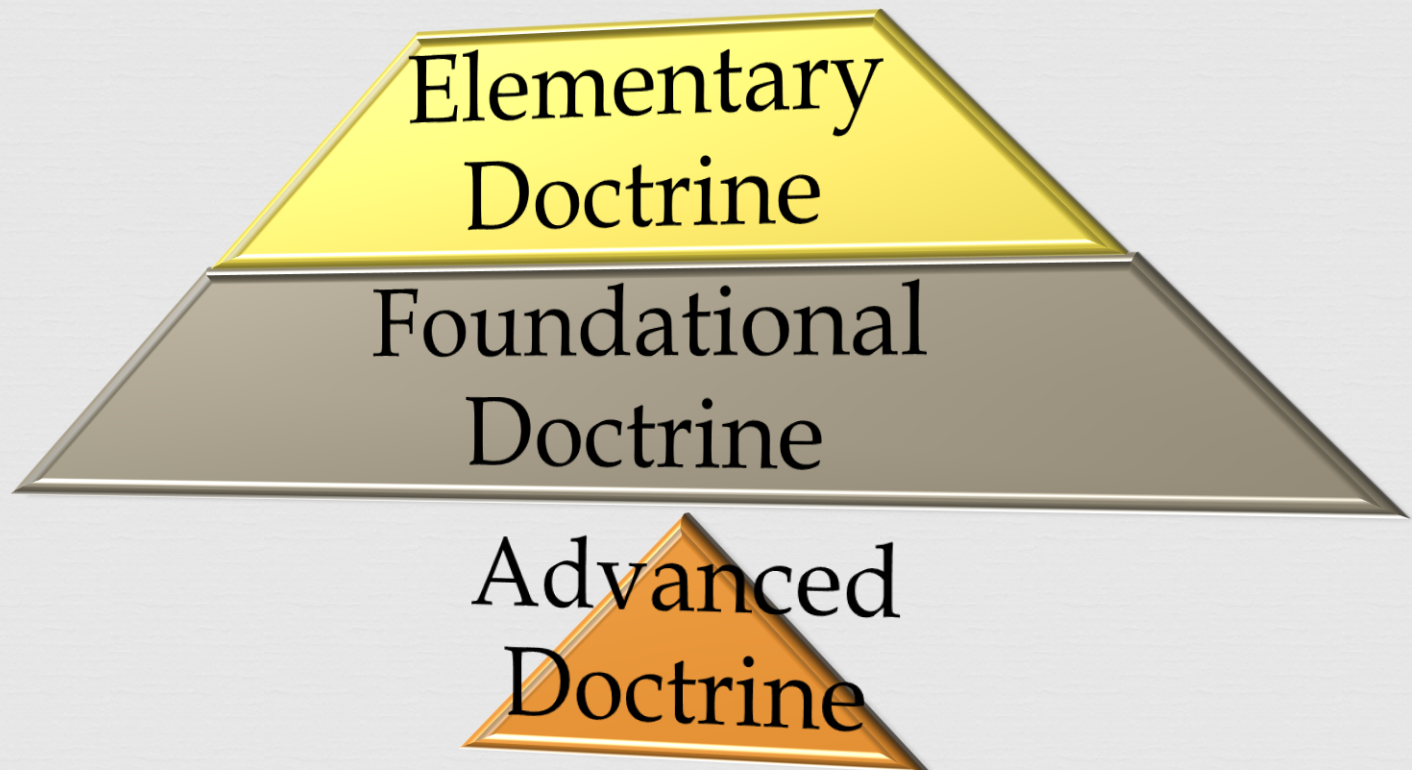
"This Epistle is the chief book of the New Testament, the purest gospel. It deserves not only to be known word for word by every Christian, but to be the subject of his meditation day by day, the daily bread of his soul...The more time one spends on it, the more precious it becomes and the better it appears.

-Martin Luther

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The Author of *Romans*



Paul

- ☞ a servant of Jesus Christ
- ☞ called to be an apostle
- ☞ separated unto the gospel of God (his specialty)

The Theme of *Romans* – the gospel

Paul is not ashamed of the gospel of Christ.

Paul prays for God to establish the Romans according to his gospel.

Paul is ready to preach the gospel to the Romans.

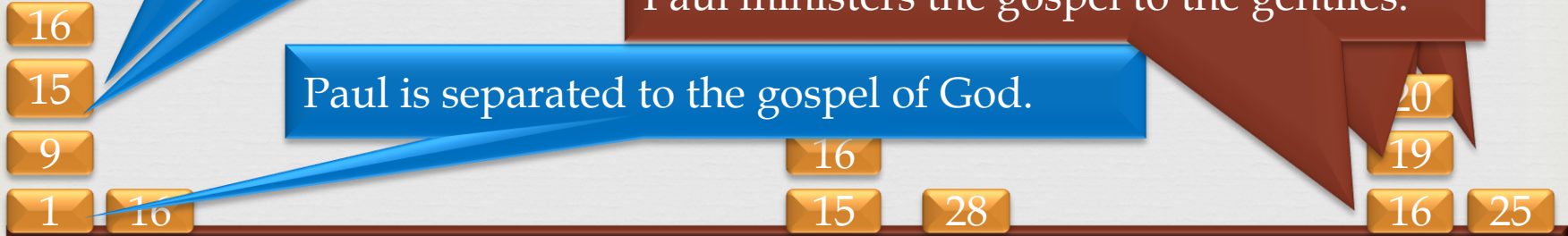
Paul strived to preach the gospel where Christ was not named.

Paul serves God in the gospel of His Son.

Paul fully preached the gospel from Jerusalem to Illyricum.

Paul ministers the gospel to the gentiles.

Paul is separated to the gospel of God.



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The Theme of *Romans* – the gospel



Called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God which he promised afore by his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord . . . by whom we have received grace and apostleship for the obedience of faith to all nations for his name.

Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, but now is made manifest, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen.

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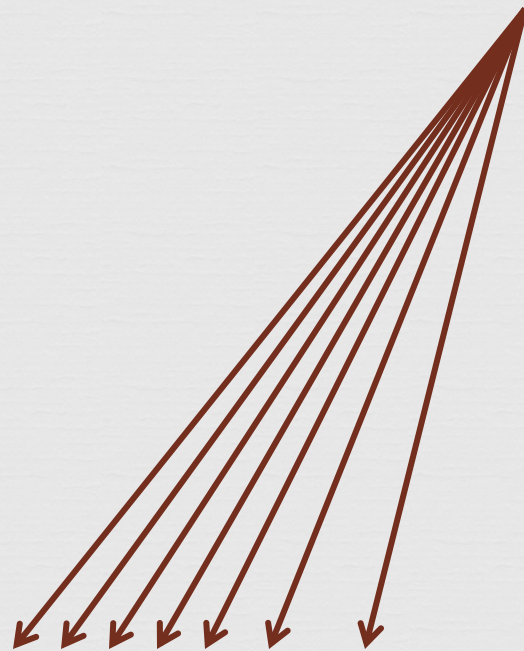


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Concerning His Son, **Jesus Christ our Lord**



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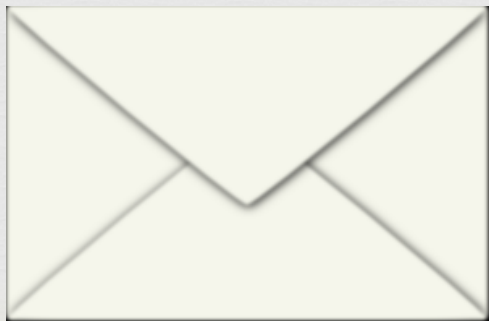
His Son was. . . made of the seed of David
according to the flesh

His Son was. . . the son of God
in power

by the resurrection
from the dead

according to the
spirit of holiness

The Audience of *Romans*



The Purpose of *Romans*



☞ For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end that ye may be *established*. - 1:11

☞ To him that is able to *establish* you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ. - 16:25

An Outline of *Romans*



Introduction 1:1-17

Sin 1:18-3:20

Justification 3:21-4:25

Sanctification 5:1-8:39

Vindication 9:1-11:36

Service 12:1-15:13 (God, Church, State, Weaker Brothers)

Conclusion 15:14-16:27

My purpose in preaching



- ❧ To excite believers to study Romans
- ❧ To exhort believers be like Paul
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