



A Scenic Overlook

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Romans

The book of Romans is...

- Called " The Constitution of Christianity."
- A legal statement of position of the believer's standing in Christ and the implication of such standing.
- A declaration of Christian truth concerning the expense, extent and intent of saving faith.
- An exploration of the significance of the sacrificial death of Christ for sinful humanity and the security shared by believers through grace.
- A letter written to a group of believers with the expressed purpose of clarifying, affirming and challenging the reality of the Gospel in daily life.

I. **Theme:** Salvation

¹⁶For 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.

¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." —Romans 1:16-17 ESV

Key Words

Solas of Reformation: Romans 1:17

Sola scriptura "by Scripture alone"

Sola fide "by faith alone"

Sola gratia "by grace alone"

Solus Christus "Christ alone"

Soli Deo gloria "glory to God alone"

II. Terms

- A. Sin = Depravity
Romans 3:23
- B. Justification
Romans 5:1, 6-10
- C. Redemption
Romans 3:24
- D. Reconciliation
Romans 5:10
- E. Sanctification
Romans 6:19, 22
- F. Adoption
Romans 8:15
- G. Election
Romans 9:11; 11:28
- Evangelical Controversy
 - Biblical Reality
Romans 9:14-16
 - Spiritual Mystery
Romans 11:33-36
- H. Transformation
Romans 12:1-2

III. Testimony

"Roman Road"

The Problem Romans 3:10, 23

The Penalty Romans 6:23

The Provision Romans 5:8

The Promise Romans 10:9-10

PERSPECTIVES ROMANS:

"This Epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament and the very purest Gospel, and is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. It can never be read or pondered too much, and the more it is dealt with the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes."

—Martin Luther

"It is the most remarkable production of the most remarkable man. It is his heart. It contains his theology, theoretical and practical, for which he lived and died. It gives the clearest and fullest exposition of the doctrines of sin and grace and the best possible solution of the universal dominion of sin and death in the universal redemption by the second Adam."

—Philip Schaff

"A sustained and coherent statement of the gospel." —F.F. Bruce