

HOPE SABBATH SCHOOL

Redemption in Romans – Part 1

Paul in Rome

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School--an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. Today we begin a fascinating new series on Redemption in Romans.

New Scripture Song: Romans 8:28, 31-32

Prayer

Paul is writing to a specific group of people in Rome at a specific time for a specific reason.

- 1) Date and Place for writing the Letter to the Romans
 - a) Romans 16:1-2 -
 - b) Paul established the church in Corinth on his second missionary journey – AD 49-52 (Acts 18:1-18)
 - c) Paul returned to Corinth on his third missionary journey, AD 53-58 (Acts 20:2-3)
 - d) Realistic date for writing: early months of AD 58.
 - e) At the beginning of his third missionary journey, Paul visited churches in Galatia. (Acts 18:23)
 - f) What challenges were these churches facing? Galatians 1:1-12; Galatians 2:20-21
 - g) This context may help us to understand more fully the reason for Paul's letter to Christians in Rome.
- 2) Paul desired to deliver his message in person
 - a) Romans 15:14-24
 - b) Why is it preferable to deliver a message in person rather than just sending a letter?
 - c) What does Paul's intention to visit Rome tell us about the apostle Paul and his feelings towards the Christians in Rome?
- 3) Paul reaches Rome
 - a) Acts 28:16
 - b) Did Paul get to Rome in the way that he expected?
 - c) Acts 28:17-31
 - d) Philippians 1:12-18
 - e) Romans 8:28, 31-32
 - f) Has God ever directed your life in a way that you did not expect? How was the promise of Romans 8:28 fulfilled in your life?
- 4) Called "Saints"
 - a) Notice Paul's greeting to the Christians in Rome – Romans 1:7
 - b) 1 Corinthians 1:2
 - c) Ephesians 1:4
 - d) Ephesians 4:1-3
 - e) How many are called to be saints? Matthew 22:14; Hebrews 2:9
 - f) What are your thoughts about such a high and holy calling?
- 5) A witness to the world
 - a) Romans 1:8
 - b) Romans 15:14
 - c) What is the reputation of your local church?
 - d) How can your local church be a witness to the world?