



# 4 Preparatory Questions We Need to Answer About Romans

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- Because the background is key to some of its context.

## 2. Why was the letter written?

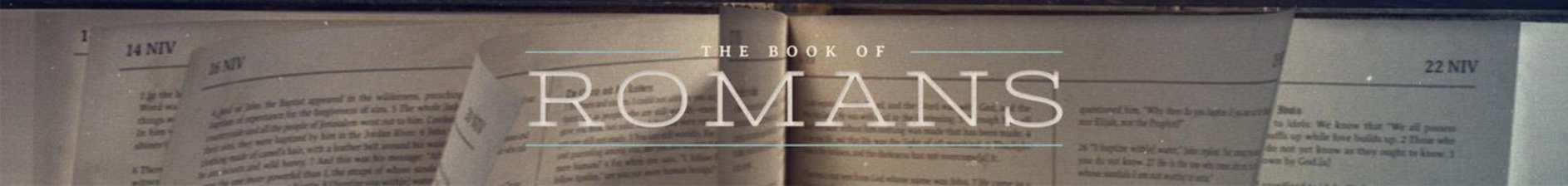
- Because the purpose is key to some of its interpretation.

## 3. How is it structured?

- Because the details help us see Paul's overarching argument.

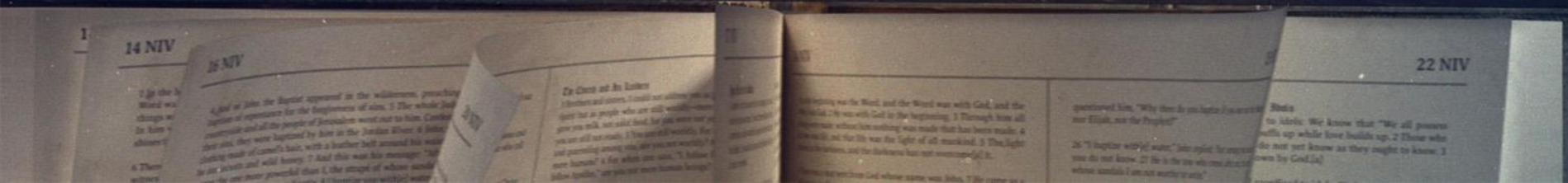
## 4. What does God intend me to get from it?

- Because God has a profound purpose for it!

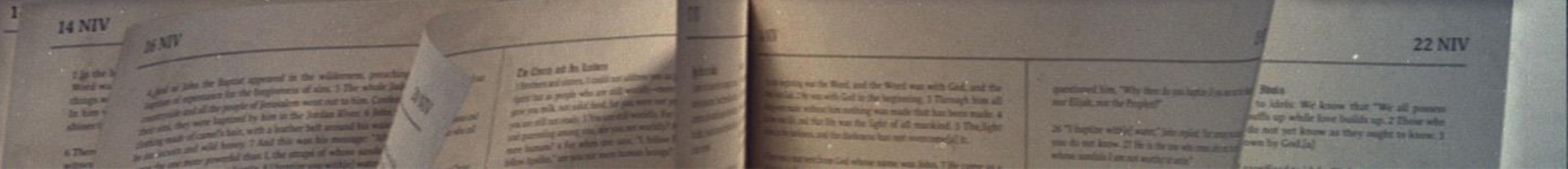


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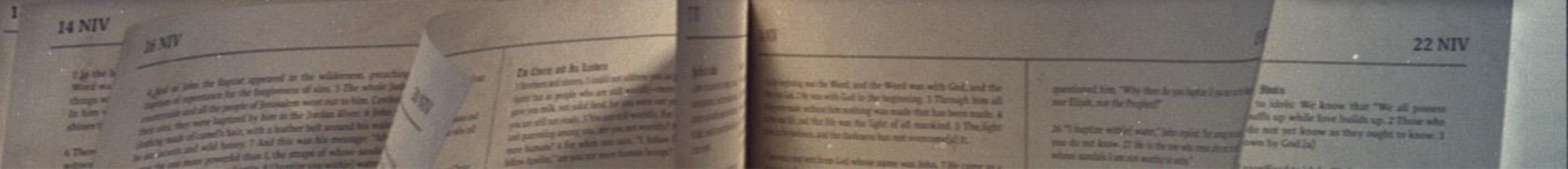
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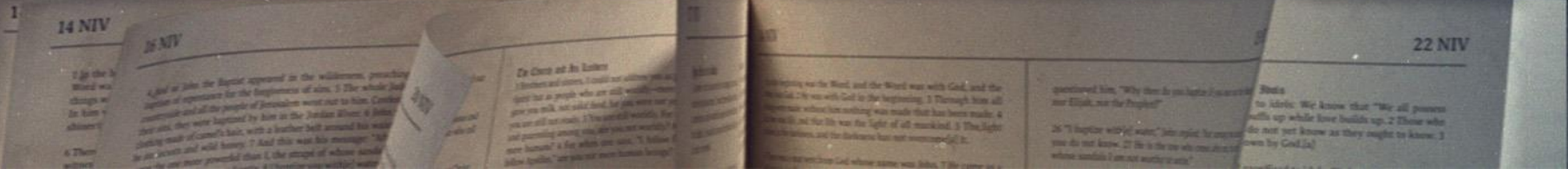
**Romans 16:22** *"I, Tertius, who write this letter, greet you in the Lord"*



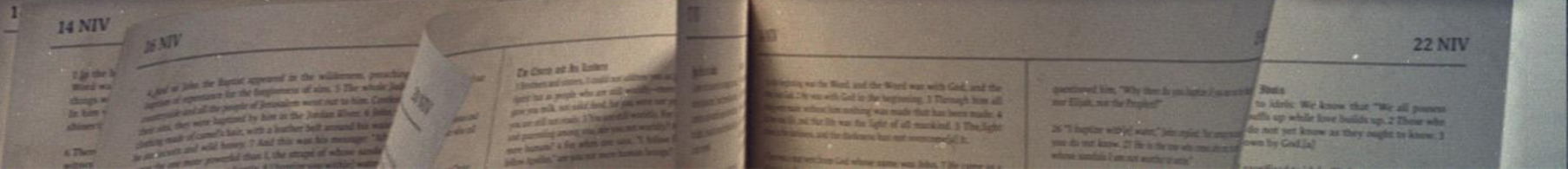
**Acts 20:3-6** *“And there he spent three months, and when a plot was formed against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, he decided to return through Macedonia.....For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he might not have to spend time in Asia, for he was hastening to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost.”*



**Romans 15:25-26** "but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints. For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem."

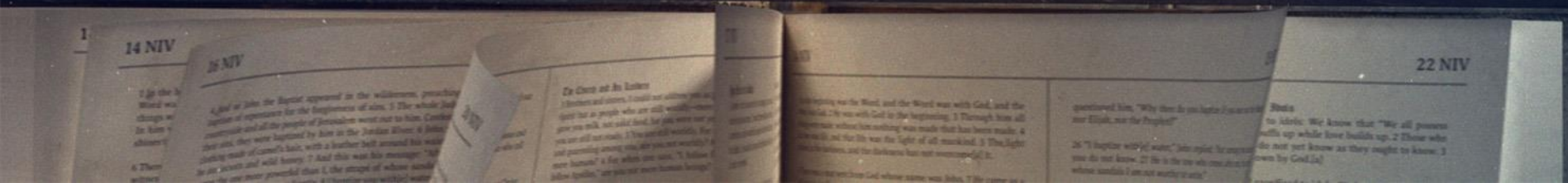


**Romans 16:1** *"I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea;"*



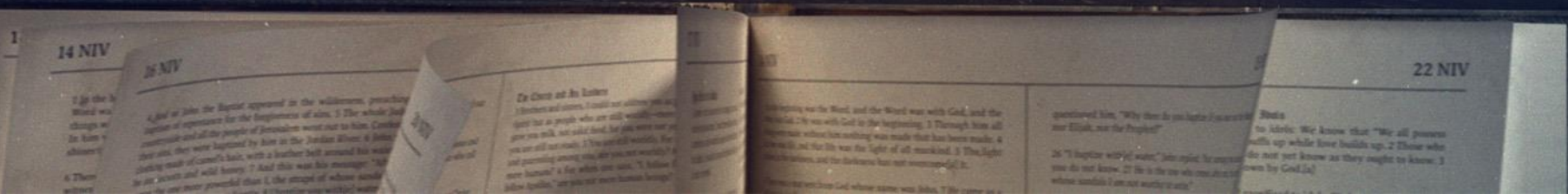
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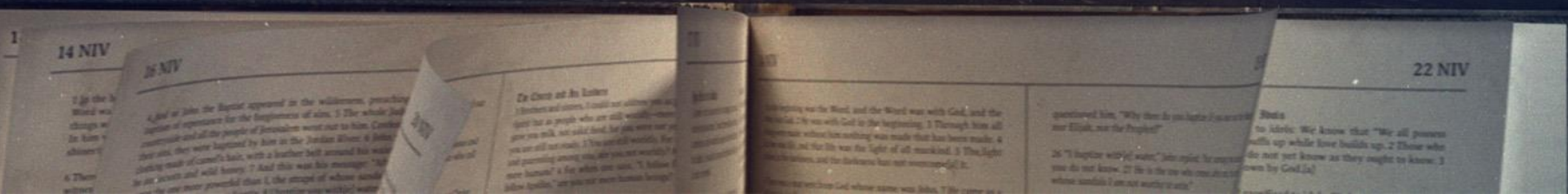




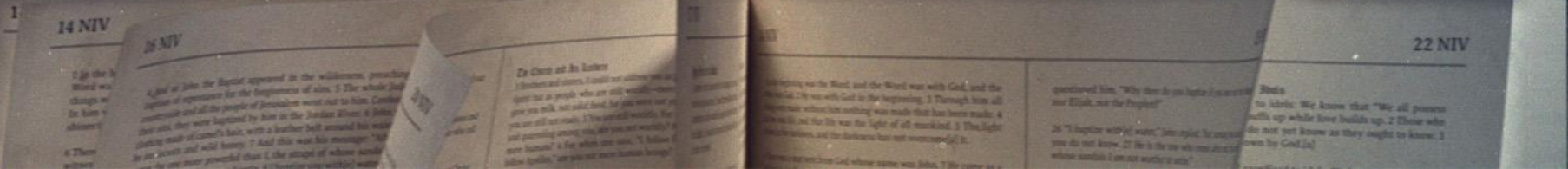
**Romans 15:22-23** *"For this reason I have often been prevented from coming to you; but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I have had for many years a longing to come to you..."*



**Romans 15:20** *"And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, so that I would not build on another man's foundation"*

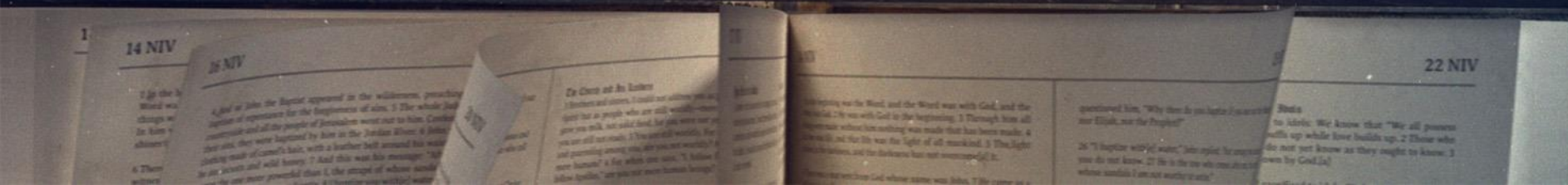


**Acts 2:9-11** *"Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God."*

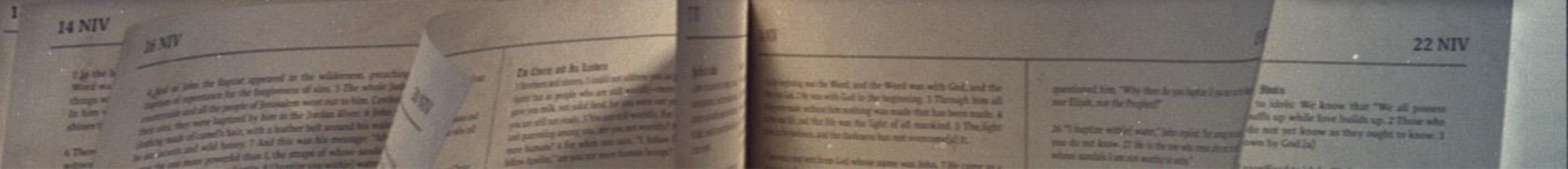


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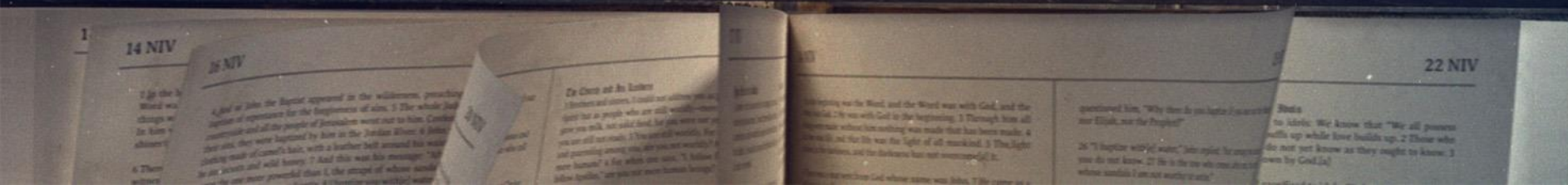


**Romans 15:23-25** *“but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I have had for many years a longing to come to you whenever I go to Spain—for I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company or a while— but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints.”*

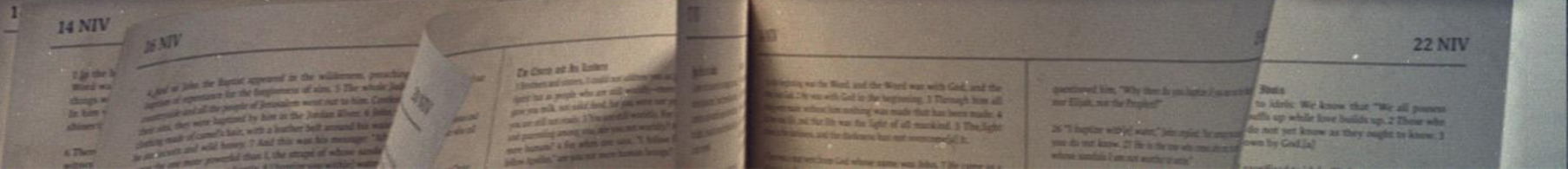


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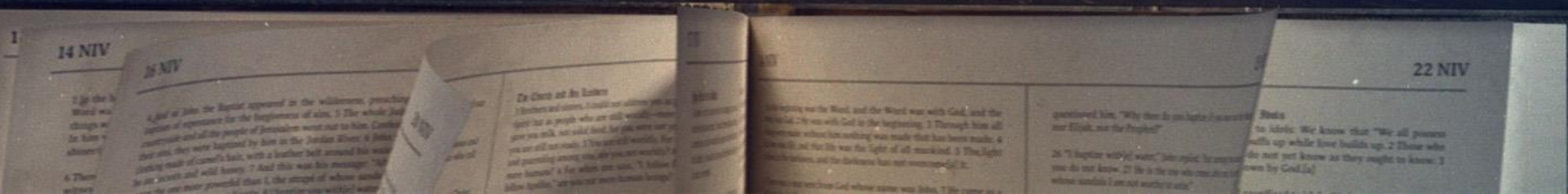
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**Acts 18:1-2** *"After this Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. And he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to leave Rome."*



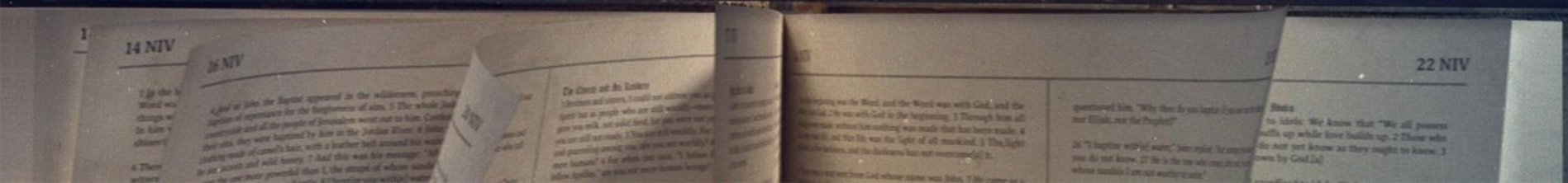
**Romans 16:3-5** "Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles; also greet the church that is in their house "





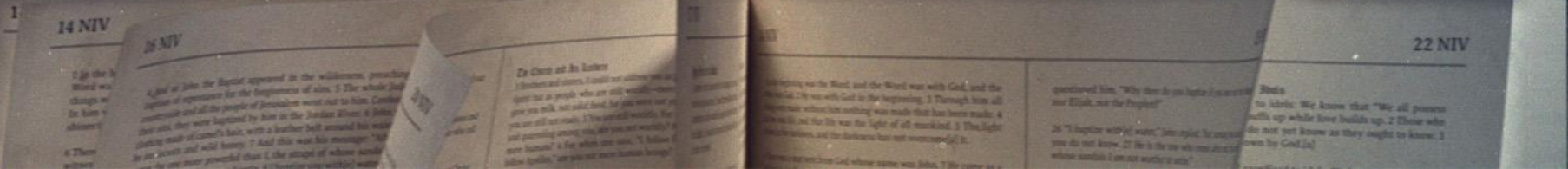
### 3. How Is It Structured?

- Theme
- Key Verse
- Outline

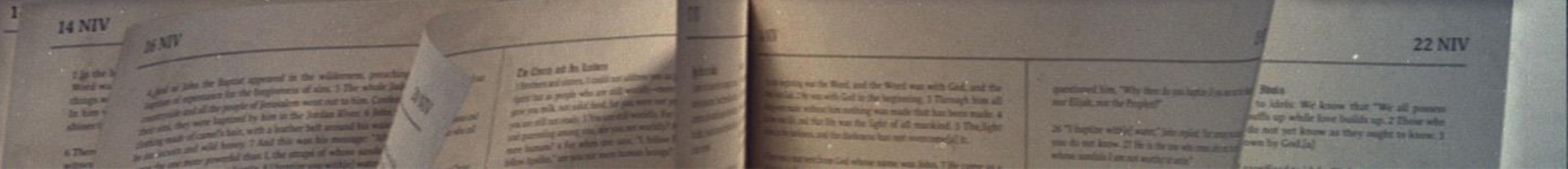


# Theme: *The Gospel of God's Righteousness*

**Romans 1:5** *"through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake"*

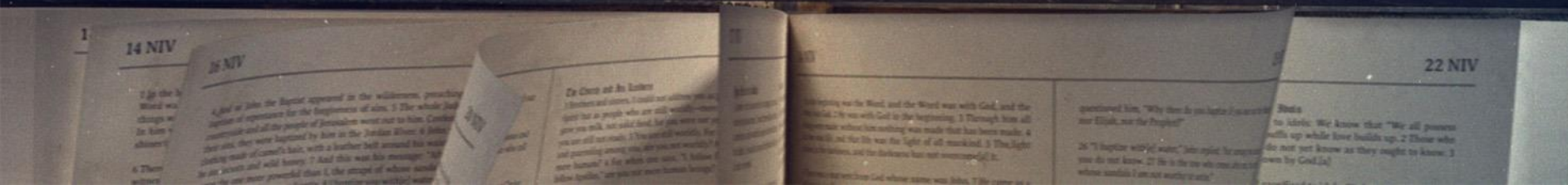


**Romans 16:26-2** *"but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen"*

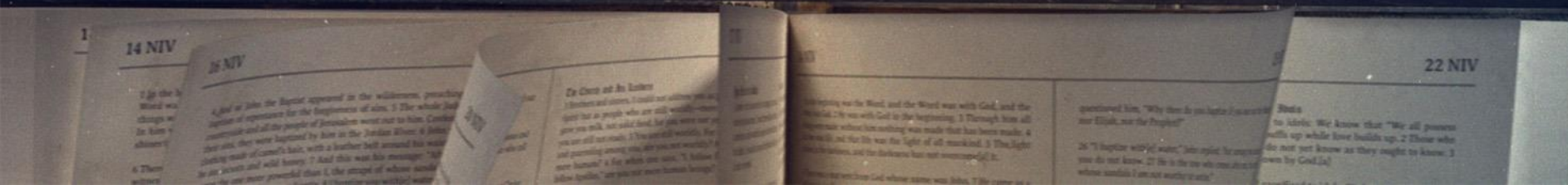


## 9 Part Outline of Romans

1. Paul's Introduction to the Gospel of God's Righteousness (1:1-17)
2. The Universal Need for the Gospel of God's Righteous (1:18-3:20)
3. The Exclusive Solution in the Gospel of God's Righteousness (3:21- 4:25)
4. A Believers Assurance Because of the Gospel of God's Righteousness (5:1- 8:39)



5. The Defense of the Gospel of God's Righteousness Related to Israel (9-11:36)
6. The Transforming Power of the Gospel of God's Righteousness in Life (12-15:13)
7. An Example of Preaching the Gospel of God's Righteousness (15:14-33)
8. The Doxology for the Gospel of God's Righteousness (Chapter 16)





# The Letter of Romans:

1. Show us how a person can be made right with God.
2. Shows us why a person needs to be made right with God.
3. Shows us the basis of our assurance and gives us hope!
4. Shows us God's plan for the Jewish people.
5. Shows us how we are now to live.
6. Shows us that unity comes through the gospel.
7. Shows us this gospel motivates us!

