

Looking into Paul's letter to the Christians in Rome

EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE ROMANS

3. No excuses!

Paul's letter to the Romans

*The earliest known
commentary is by
Origen of Alexandria,
written around 246 AD.*



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Romans contains about **7,100 words**.

**From
memory!**

Romans 1:16-19



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.

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed
from faith to faith, as it is written,
“The righteous shall live by faith.”

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven
against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men,
who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

For what can be known about God is plain to them,
because God has shown it to them.

“The gospel is the power of God for salvation”

Salvation from what?



“The gospel says that you are
more sinful and flawed
than you ever dared believe and
more accepted and loved
than you ever dared hope.”
- Tim Keller



Romans 2

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Romans 2:1-11

Since they did not see fit to acknowledge God,
God gave them up to a debased mind...

(Romans 1:28)

Therefore **you have no excuse**,
O man, every one of you who judges.
For in passing judgment on another
you condemn yourself,
because you, the judge,
practice the very same things.

What things?

(Romans 2:1)

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In passing judgment on another
you condemn yourself...

*“Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye,
but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?*

You hypocrite...”

(See Matthew 7:1-5)

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Do you despise the **riches** of His **goodness, forbearance,** and **patience,** not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to **repentance**?

Unwilling to repent

But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are **storing up wrath for yourself** on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

(Romans 2:4-5)

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He will render to each one according to his works:



To those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, He will give **eternal life**...



For those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be **wrath and fury**.



To the Jew first and also the Greek.
For God shows no partiality.



(See Romans 2:6-11)

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Romans 2:12-16

For all who have sinned **without** the law
will also perish **without** the law,
and all who have sinned **under** the law
will be judged **by** the law ...
on that day when **God judges the secrets of men**,
according to my gospel, by **Christ Jesus**.

Gentiles

Jews

(See Romans 2:12-16)

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Romans 2:17-29

If you

- call yourself a Jew
- rely on the law
- boast in God
- know His will
- approve what is excellent

If you are sure that you yourself are

- a guide to the blind
- a light to those who are in darkness
- an instructor of the foolish
- a teacher of children

**You then who teach others,
do you not teach yourself?**

As it is written:

*The name of God is blasphemed
among the Gentiles because of you.*

(From Isaiah 52:5)

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Man looks at
the outward appearance,
but the LORD looks at
the heart.
(1 Samuel 16:7)

For no one is a Jew who is merely one **outwardly**,
nor is circumcision outward and physical.

But a Jew is one **inwardly**, and circumcision
is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter.

His praise is not from man but from God.

(Romans 2:28-29)

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For no one is a **Christian** who is merely one **outwardly**...

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(Romans 2:1 ESV)

Therefore you are inexcusable, O man,
whoever you are who judge,
for in whatever you judge another
you condemn yourself;
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practice the same things.

(Romans 2:1 NKJV)

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