



## Written by:

Paul (and Tertius) 1:1 (16:22)  
 Paul's writings as scripture: II Peter 3:15-16

## When:

57 AD?  
 Acts 20:3

## To whom was it written?

Who are the Romans?  
 Capital of the Roman Empire  
 religious practices of the Greek culture  
 tension between Gentiles and Jews



## Why was it written?

Universal Systematic Theology – the Gospel for all!!  
 Stated purpose – to prepare for his coming (1:8-10)  
 unlike other letters where he is writing back to places he's been

## Themes to watch for (key words)

All  
 Righteousness  
 Faith  
 Good News

## Why “the 5th Gospel”?

Paul's Systematic Theology

The importance of Romans

### Theme verse

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>For 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*