



**SERIES: MAY- JULY: THE MAIN THING**

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**Scripture: Romans**

**TITLE: Romans – The Problem & Solution**

While driving in the car, my son asked, “How do we know God when we can’t see Him? I want to know God, but it’s so hard.”

What my son verbalized that day is what many of us feel but are far too afraid to admit. If you desire to know God intimately, be sure of your relationship with Him, and spur you onto sharing that relationship, then you need to read the book of Romans.

The book of Romans is the Apostle Paul’s magnum opus. It is a rich letter full of God’s wisdom for a world in need of a savior.

Paul wrote this book to the church in Rome. It was written around 57 A.D. Paul wrote 13 letters, but none as important as this book. One commentator describes its significance this way: “While the four Gospels present the words and works of Jesus Christ, Romans explores the significance of His sacrificial death. Using a question-and-answer format, Paul records the most systematic presentation of doctrine in the Bible. But Romans is more than a book of theology; it is also a book of practical exhortations. The good news of Jesus Christ is more than facts to be believed; it is also a life to be lived<sup>1</sup>”

In just sixteen chapters, Paul covers the topics of evidence for God’s existence, the sinfulness of mankind, salvation through Jesus Christ, the process of becoming like Christ, God’s sovereignty, the plan for Israel, and Christian service and freedom.

So what is the main thing from the Book of Romans? It’s man’s sin and God’s grace. The first two chapters are a frightening indictment on the souls of mankind. But then you encounter God’s amazing grace through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:20 (CSB) says,

“For his invisible attributes, that is, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen since the creation of the world, being understood through what he has made. As a result, people are without excuse.”

And if that wasn’t enough proof, Paul provides another piece of evidence for God’s existence in Romans 2:14-16 ,

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<sup>1</sup> Bruce Wilkinson and Kenneth Boa, [Talk Thru the Bible](#) (Nashville: T. Nelson, 1983), 371.

“So, when Gentiles, who do not by nature have the law, do what the law demands, they are a law to themselves even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts. Their consciences confirm this. Their competing thoughts either accuse or even excuse them on the day when God judges what people have kept secret, according to my gospel through Christ Jesus.”

Salvation is found in and through no one but Jesus Christ. Romans 3:22-24 says,

“The righteousness of God is through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe, since there is no distinction. For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

But isn't this salvation like a cell phone signal that comes or goes? Isn't it like an Amazon order that can be returned freely? Paul answers in Romans 8:38-39,

“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Friend, for reasons I will never understand, God loves his rebellious, sinful creation. So much so that he provides proof of his thumbprint on our hearts and on creation. He sent Jesus to die for our sins so we might experience freedom from sin and peace with God. That is what Romans is all about.

So here's my challenge for you today: share your story. Share it in the comments below and with someone who is far from God. How did you come to saving faith? How, what, and who led you to the point of seeing Christ clearly?

If you're not a Christian, what questions do you have? Where do you doubt? Share it, and let's help you find the answers.

Paul's letter to the Romans is the problem and the solution for mankind.

When we know it and believe it, we will win the day.