



“GIVE UNTO THE LORD THE GLORY DUE UNTO HIS NAME” (PSALM 96:8)

*Small Groups Questions:*

## Introduction to Romans

Paul had never been to Rome when he wrote the letter to the Romans, though he had clearly expressed his desire to travel there in the near future (Acts 19:21; Romans 1:10–12).

He would finally make his journey when he appealed to Caesar as recorded in Acts 27,28 and he would spend 2 years under house arrest while in Rome. This would have been 59-60 AD. This would have been two years after he wrote his letter to the church in Roman from the Greek city of Corinth in AD 57.

Three years earlier the 16-year-old Nero had ascended to the throne as Emperor of Rome. Nero wouldn't begin his persecution of them until he made them scapegoats after the great Roman fire in AD 64. Therefore, Paul wrote to a church that was experiencing a time of relative peace, but a church that he felt needed a strong dose of basic gospel doctrine, and immorality within Rome was at an all time low.

The primary theme running through Paul's letter to the Romans is the revelation of God's righteousness in His plan for salvation through faith as stated in Romans 1:16,17