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Called To Communicate the Gospel
Romans 1:1
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I. The influences in Saul's early life.

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| 1. Born in Tarsus to a Jewish family. | Acts 22:3 |
| 2. Father was a Pharisee. | Acts 23:6 |
| 3. Educated in Jerusalem under Gamaliel. | Acts 22:3 |
| 4. Participated in Stephen's martyrdom. | Acts 8:1 |

II. The events that radically transformed Saul into Paul.

I Timothy 1:12-16

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| 1. Saul sees the light of Jesus. | Acts 9:3-5 |
| 2. Saul called by God to share the gospel with the Gentiles. | Acts 9:15 |
| 3. Saul is filled with the Spirit. | Acts 9:17 |

III. The fulfillment of the mission God gave to Paul.

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| 1. Paul is instructed by Jesus in Arabia. | Galatians 1:12, 17 |
| 2. Paul is obedient to the Spirit's calling from his hometown. | Acts 11:25, 26 |
| 3. Paul spreads the gospel on four mission trips. | Acts Chapters 13-21 |
| 4. Paul is faithful to his calling while experiencing suffering in prison. | Acts 28:30, 31
2 Timothy 1:8 |

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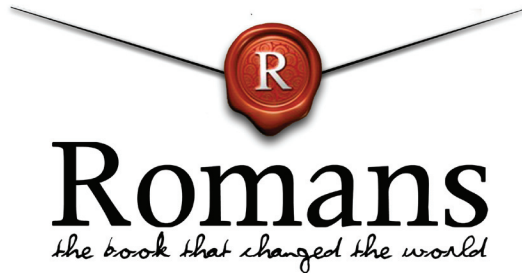
Romans

the book that changed the world

There is no book in the Bible that captures the heart of the Gospel more than the Book of Romans. Paul masterfully shares the need all people have of salvation and the suffering of Christ's work on the cross to atone for sin. Join us as Pastor John leads a verse by verse study through Romans. Just as God used this book to ignite the fires of reformation hundreds of years ago our hope is He will use it to ignite the fire of your heart in 2011.

Time Line for Paul

Year:	Event:
2 ?	Birth of Saul (Paul) in Tarsus (Acts 22:3) Jewish family; tribe of Benjamin (Phil. 3:5) Paul had at least one sister (Acts 23:16)
12-15	Saul goes to school in Jerusalem (Acts 22:3), He is taught by Gamaliel (Acts 5:34)
32	Saul participation in Stephen's martyrdom (Acts 7:58)
33	Saul becomes Paul (Acts 9:1-19) Saul is overwhelmed by God on the road to Damascus and converted, filled with the Holy Spirit, and commissioned by God in Damascus (Acts 9:15,17). Paul preaches the gospel in Damascus and he himself is persecuted (Acts 9:20-25). Paul goes into Arabia and is instructed by Jesus Christ. (Galatians 1:12-17)
36	Paul returns to Damascus and soon departs for Jerusalem. (Galatians 1:18) Paul stays 15 days in Jerusalem, Barnabas introduces him to Peter and James (the Lord's brother) (Galatians 1:18,19) Paul is persecuted and returns to Tarsus via Caesarea (Acts 9:30).
36-40	Paul ministers in his hometown of Tarsus.
40-41	Paul is enlisted by Barnabas to teach the growing church in Antioch (Acts 11:25,26)
44	Paul and Barnabas (Acts 11:29-30) take famine relief to believers in Jerusalem and return with John Mark to Antioch (Acts 12:25).
46-48	Paul's First Missionary Journey. (Acts 13:4-14:26) Paul preaches on the island of Cyprus and Asia Minor and returns to Antioch. John Mark defects and fractures his relationship with Paul. (Acts 13:13).
48-49	Paul ministers again in Antioch. (Acts 14:27,28) for about one year.
49	Paul attends Jerusalem Council to resolve the issue of circumcision and salvation (Acts 15:1-2)
49-52	Paul's Second Missionary Journey. (Acts 15:40-18:22) Silas is chosen by Paul while Timothy joins them en-route (Acts 16:1-3) Paul spends 18 months in Corinth. (Acts 18:11).
52	Paul returns to Jerusalem then back to Antioch (Acts 18:22)



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Year:	Event:
53-57	Paul's Third Missionary Journey (Acts 18:23-21:16) Paul departs Antioch to Asia Minor and spends 3 years in Ephesus (Acts 19:10, 20:31). The Book of Romans was likely written from Corinth in 56 as he prepared to leave for Jerusalem with offering for the poor.
57	Paul arrives in Jerusalem (Acts 22:17) and is arrested (Acts 21:34)
57-59	Paul is a prisoner in Caesarea and appeals his case to Caesar (Acts 24-26)
59-62	Paul's journey and 1st imprisonment in Rome. (Acts 27:1-28:16)
62-64	Paul is released and ministers to Macedonian churches from Nicopolis (Titus 3:12) also possibly from Corinth.
65-67	Paul's second Roman imprisonment under Nero's persecution (2 Timothy 1:8)
67 or 68	Paul is executed and martyred during his second imprisonment in Rome.