



## **THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS**

### ***DESCRIPTIVE SHEET***

#### **Author**

The Apostle Paul is the one who wrote the Epistle to the Romans. No one doubts that he is the author. Paul, whose Hebrew name was Saul, was miraculously converted on the road to Damascus while on his way to persecute the Christians who were preaching salvation in Jesus Christ (Acts 9).

#### **Date**

The Apostle Paul wrote this letter during his third missionary journey to Corinth in the year 57.

#### **Core theme**

In this Epistle, Paul addressed fundamental questions related to the conditions of every man: Jews and Gentiles. That is why Paul's core message, which concerns both Jews and non-Jews in this church, is: salvation in Jesus Christ, the Gospel of grace.

#### **Target audience**

The Apostle Paul wrote this letter to the Christians in Rome without knowing Rome when he wrote it. Moreover, he clearly expressed in this letter the desire to visit the church in Rome, which was an assembly composed of Jews and non-Jews, as soon as God would give him the opportunity (Ro. 1:11-13).

#### **Outline of the book**

1. Greetings and introduction. (Ro. 1:1-15)
2. The theme (Ro. 1:16-17)
3. The condemned ones need God's righteousness. (Ro. 1:18-3:20).
4. Justification as provision of God's righteousness. (Ro. 3:21-5:21).
5. Sanctification as demonstration of God's righteousness. (Ro. 6:1-8:39)
6. The restoration of the people of Israel. (Ro. 9:1-11:36).
7. Application: the behavior of believers. (Ro. 12:1-15:13)
8. Conclusion: Greetings and Blessing. (Ro. 15:14-16:27)