

# **LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE** **ROMANS**

## **Chapter 13**

### **Being Subject to Authority**

What does Scripture teach about authority, politics and obedience?

What is the Christian response to a law imposed by the state that contradicts a Divine Law?

What is the Church's teaching on capital punishment?

## **Chapter 14**

### **Do Not Judge One Another**

What is the meaning of the distinction that St. Paul makes between “weak” and “strong” in the faith?

What kind of behavior did the Jewish Christian minority display when they lived among the Gentile Christians?

What is the meaning of the phrase “One man esteems one day as better than another, while another man esteems all days alike.” Is the Mosaic law binding in the Messianic age?

## Do Not Hinder a Brother

What is the meaning of “stumbling block” and “unclean” in this passage?

## Chapter 15

### Please Others, Not Yourself

Does St. Paul consider himself a weak Christian bound by the Mosaic regulations?

### The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike

What is the meaning of the following passages as they pertain to Israel and the Gentiles worshipping together?

As it is written,

“Therefore I will praise thee among the Gentiles,  
and sing to thy name”;

<sup>10</sup> and again it is said,

“Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people”;

<sup>11</sup> and again,

“Praise the Lord, all Gentiles,  
and let all the peoples praise him”;

<sup>12</sup> and further Isaiah says,

“The root of Jesse shall come,  
he who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him shall the Gentiles hope.”

What is meant by the “root of Jesse”?

## **Chapter 16**

### **Personal Greetings**

Phoebe was a deaconess. So therefore wouldn't it be possible that she was also a priest and a member of the ordained clergy?

Where did the early Christians meet to pray and worship?

## Final Instructions

What is meant by the following passage:

**<sup>17</sup> I appeal to you, brethren, to take note of those who create dissensions and difficulties, in opposition to the doctrine which you have been taught; avoid them. <sup>18</sup> For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites,<sup>[b]</sup> and by fair and flattering words they deceive the hearts of the simple-minded.**