

LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Introduction

Author and Date

Who wrote this letter and when was it written, specifically what year was it written?

Purpose

What are the three principal aims that underlie The Letter to the Romans (Romans)?

Themes and Characteristics

What are some of the theological mysteries contained in Romans?

What are the three major parts that Romans is divided into?

Chapter 1

Salutation

What is meant by “in the Holy Scriptures”? How many times does St. Paul cite the Old Testament in Romans?

How is Yahweh's covenant oath to establish the Royal throne of David forever fulfilled?

Prayer of Thanksgiving

What two Apostles were martyred in Rome and what affect did this have on the future of the Church?

The Power of the Gospel

What is the meaning of "the righteousness of God"?

God's Wrath against Man's Wickedness

How are both the Gentiles and Israel guilty before God?

What is the relationship between human reason and the existence of God? What is the teaching of the Church in Vatican I pertaining to this issue?

What is the effect of sin on the intellect and the will?

What is idolatry? Which commandment forbids idolatry?

What is the meaning of the following?

²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to degrading passions. Their women exchanged natural intercourse for unnatural, ²⁷ and in the same way also the men, giving up natural intercourse with women, were consumed with passion for one another. Men committed shameless acts with men and received in their own persons the due penalty for their error.

Is Saint Paul's teaching on Homosexuality consistent with the teaching of the Old Testament?

What is the sin of adulation?

Chapter 2

The Righteous Judgment of God

What is the sin of presumption? What theological virtue does this sin violate? What does the mind set of Presumption lead to?

What is the difference between forbearance and patience? Does patience have limits? Cite 2 Old Testament examples of God's patience being exhausted.

What is meant when Paul says “For he will render to every man according to his works”? Did this teaching originate in the Old Testament?

What does the word “Justify” mean in theological terms? How does God establish man in a right covenant relationship with himself?

The Jews and the Law

What was Israel's calling expressed in the Pentateuch and the book of Isaiah? Did the Jews fulfill their calling?

What is meant when Paul says "He is a Jew who is one inwardly, and real circumcision is a matter of the heart, spiritual and not literal"?