



Welcome to the Study of Romans

The Beauty and Power of the Romans Letter



What two church
fathers said
about Romans...



Martin Luther

Romans Commentary, 1522

“This epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament, and the very purest gospel, and is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word—by heart—but occupy himself with it every day.”

Martin Luther's bold and **neglected words** in the opening of his Romans commentary . . .

(Luther's Works, vol. 25, 135)

“The chief purpose of this letter is to break down, pluck up, and to destroy all wisdom and righteousness of the flesh. This includes all the works, which in the eyes of people and even our own eyes, may be great.”





John Calvin

Romans commentary, 1540

“When one gains a knowledge of this Epistle, he has an entrance opened to him to all the most hidden treasures of Scripture.”

If we bind Calvin's and Luther's ideas together . . .

. . . we get a complete picture of the Romans Letter. Not only does Romans illuminate the the rest of Scripture (**Calvin**), but it shines deep into our hearts (**Luther**) and causes us to fall upon our knees in confession and worship.



The **Four Essays** of Paul's Letter

***Topic**

***Argument** (with various counterarguments)

***Apex**

1b–4

Defining the Essentials
of the Gospel

5–8

Celebrating the Changes
the Gospel Accomplishes

9–11

Clarifying Israel's Relationship
to the Gospel

12–15a

Exhorting the Church
to Live the Gospel

Frédéric Godet

Swiss theologian,
Romans comm., 1883



Godet is credited with the well-known saying about Romans 8: **“If the Bible [could be considered] like a ring, Romans would be its jewel, and Chapter 8 the sparkle of the jewel.”**

Five Facts from Paul in Romans 8:1–14

- No Text Fact about your new justified status
- 1 8:1–4 No condemnation against any justified sinner
- 2 8:5–8 Every justified sinner has a new mindset from the Spirit
- 3 8:9 “YOU all” (1st word in Gk text = “all church members)
 either have the Spirit or you do not belong to God
- 4 8:10–11 Spiritual life only comes through the indwelling Spirit
- 5 8:12–14 A clear demonstration that you are a justified sinner is the
 “mortification” of personal sin