

GREAT CHAPTERS OF THE BIBLE
(ROMANS, CHAPTER ONE: "THE GOSPEL IS FOR ALL")

I. INTRODUCTION. (1-15)

a. Salutation. (1-7)

- i. The Author---Paul. (1a)
- ii. The Gospel. (1b-2a)
- iii. God's Son. (2b-6)
- iv. Greetings to the "saints" in Rome. (7)

b. Paul's Personal Desires. (8-15)

- i. He Prays for Them. (8-10)
- ii. He Desires to Visit Them. (11-13)
- iii. He is Indebted to All. (14-15)

II. JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH IN THE GOSPEL. (16-32)

a. The Gospel—God's Power to Save All Believers. (16-17)

- i. Paul is not Ashamed of the Gospel. (16a)
- ii. The Gospel's Power. (16b)
- iii. What is Revealed in the Gospel? (17)

b. Their Need for Righteousness. (18-32)

(The Gentiles—in Sin and Under God's Wrath.)

i. Their Great Sin—*THEY REJECTED GOD!* (18-23,28,32)

ii. The Extent of Their Knowledge. (21,32 and Rom. 2:15)

1. They Knew God. (21,28)
2. They Knew (to some extent) God's Decrees. (25,32)
3. They Knew the "Judgment of God". (32)

iii. Their Reaction To God. (21,23,28)

1. Refused to Acknowledge God. (28)
2. Refused to Honor God. (21)
3. Refused to Give Thanks to God. (21)
4. Changed the "Glory of God" for that of images of God's Creation. (23)

iv. God's Response to Their Rejection. (24-28)

1. God Rejected Them. ("Gave them up"—v. 24, 26)
("Gave them over..."—v. 28)

v. Nature of Their Sins. (18-25) and (26-32)

1. "Religious" Sins—Their Rejection of God. (18-25)
2. "Gross Immorality". (26-32)