

Roman Problems Outline

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- I. Fix Some Root Problems at Rome
 - A. Address Romans' Resistance to See Their Problem
 - i. Get attention of audience (1:1-32)
 - a) Positive greetings (1:1-18)
 - b) Entice through a sermon accusing others (1:18-32)
 - ii. Show audience they are guilty (2:1-16)
 - a) State they are guilty of same things (2:1-2)
 - b) Show hypocrisy (2:3-16)
 - iii. Lead audience deeper into judgmental attitude (2:17-29)
 - a) Accusing a hypocritical Jew, if any existed there (2:17-27)
 - b) Balance the accusation with a definition of true Jew (2:28-29)
 - c) Show a benefit of being Jewish (3:1-2)
 - entrusted with oracles of God
 - God still faithful in promise to them
 - iv. Paul shows he understood the Romans' complaint (3:3-9)
 - a) Accusations of Jews about Believers' being liars (3:7-8)
 - b) Complaint about Jewish boasting (3:9)
 - B. Problem of boasting
 - i. First Equalize Jew and Gentile as worthy of judgment (3:10-20)
 - ii. And show justification by God (3:21-26)
 - iii. Introduce boasting issue (3:27)
 - iv. Discuss faith as reason against boasting (3:27-31, 4:1-8)
 - C. Problem of feelings of inadequacy
 - i. Are Gentiles inferior to circumcision? (Rom 4:9)
 - ii. All blessed through Abraham since he was blessed before circumcision (4:10-15)
 - iii. Assurance of promise to all (4:16-17)
 - D. Persecutions causing fear and uncertainty
 - i. Abraham's faith as an example of perseverance (4:18-25)
 - ii. Access to God and His peace (5:1-2)
 - iii. Mention of their current tribulation (5:3)
 - iv. Benefits and assurances in tribulation (5:3-11)
 - E. Problem of Romans' doctrine to indulge their flesh
 - i. Show contrast between sin and grace (5:12-20)
 - ii. Conclusion that grace is much greater than sin (5:20-21)
 - iii. Mention of errant doctrine about sinning to increase grace (6:1)
 - iv. Contrast the doctrine of sinning with the resurrection (6:2-8)
 - a) Baptism in like of His death and raised in Christ (6:2-5)
 - b) Let self no longer be in bondage to sin (6:6-11)
 - c) Let sin no longer have dominion (6:12-19)
 - d) Showing there is no benefit of sin (6:20-23)
 - F. Problem of Certain Roman's reliance upon Law (6:15, 7:1-12)
 - i. Addressed to those who hold the Law (7:1)
 - ii. Dominion of Law over its followers (7:1)

- iii. Death to Law (7:2-4)
- iv. Trap of the Law, teaching fleshly behavior (7:5-9)
- G. Problem of Rejection of Jews with Rejection of Law (7:10-25)
 - i. Law made bad cause of sin (7:9-11)
 - ii. Show Law as intrinsically good
 - a) Contrast Law and Sin (7:12-14)
 - b) Conflict in us to do good (7:15-16)
 - c) Failure is from sin influence (7:17-21)
 - d) Desire is toward Law (7:22)
 - e) Conflict still exists (7:23-24)
 - f) Dual existence: mind on Christ, flesh toward sin (7:25)
- H. Romans living under condemnation
 - i. Highlighting problem of condemnation showing in 7:12-24 –condemnation (8:1)
 - ii. Solution is being in Christ (8:1)
 - iii. law of spirit-of-life in Christ sets free from law of sin and death (8:2)
 - iv. Christ did what Law couldn't. So we must abide in Christ (8:3-4)
 - v. Contrast of mind on flesh with mind on spirit (8:4-8)
 - vi. Solution is being in the spirit by Christ being in you (8:5-11)
 - vii. Action upon this knowledge (8:12-15)
- I. Problem of persecution in contrast to working of Spirit
 - i. Spirit of adoption and comfort (8:15-17)
 - ii. Problem of sufferings (8:18)
 - iii. Basis for hope (8:19-22)
 - iv. Firstfruits of spirit toward hope (8:23-25)
 - v. Spirit helps us in our weakness (8:26-27)
 - vi. Strength in hope (8:28-32)
 - vii. Guiltlessness in Christ (8:33-37)
 - viii. No true harm to believers (8:37-39)
- II. Address Problem of Ill Will Toward Jews. Proving God's faithfulness (ch 9 to 11)
 - A. Foundational information
 - i. Need and right for Israelites to enjoy promises (9:1-5)
 - ii. Narrowing of Israel to only bloodline who are also of promise (9:6-21)
 - a) Only a certain path was under promise under Abraham (9:6-13)
 - b) Argument for God's right to narrow the seed (9:14-19)
 - c) Problem of us questioning God's selection among Jews (9:20-21)
 - iii. God's patience prevented earlier time of wrath (9:22-24)
 - iv. Prophecies of people upon whom God would show mercy (9:25-29)
 - v. Failure of Israelites to come to Christ was not God's failure
 - a) Failure in their effort to follow law to get to righteousness (9:30-33)
 - b) Israel (bloodline) effort was to try to make their own righteousness (10:1-12)
 - Their effort was not without zeal (10:2)
 - They were ignorant of God's righteousness (10:3)
 - If they followed God, they would have come to Christ (10:4)
 - Trapping of righteousness by Law (10:5-7)
 - Word of righteousness by faith is near (10:8)
 - c) Nearness of faith was there for Israel (10:8-13)
 - It was now close by confessing Jesus (10:9)
 - It was a matter of the heart (10:10)
 - d) God's faithfulness to bring the message (10:14-17)
 - Since gospel has to go out (10:14-15)
 - But it was prophesied all would not accept the gospel (10:16)

- But Israel heard (10:18)
- Israelites should have known through prophecy of jealousy (10:19-20)
- e) Apparent bleakness of situation (10:21)
- B. Argument to Accept Jews
 - i. Situation isn't so bleak. God didn't cast off His people (11:1-7)
 - a) His people were in that present remnant (11:2-5)
 - b) It was a remnant by election of grace (11:6)
 - ii. Non-elect were hardened so Gospel would go to Gentiles (10:19,20 and 11:8-16)
 - a) Hardening prophesied (11:7-10)
 - b) Hardening to produce jealousy (11:11)
 - c) Expectation of Roman believers to have mercy (11:12-16)
- C. Argument regarding Gentiles' boasting against Jews
 - i. Introduce Olive tree analogy, loosely about people of God (11:17-19)
 - ii. Be fearful instead of boastful (11:20-22)
 - iii. Still was opportunity for some to be found in remnant (11:23-24)
 - iv. Conclusion of Olive Branch analogy (11:25)
- D. Conclusion of Paul's full argument
 - i. Re-emphasis that Israel (as the remnant) would be saved (11:26)
 - ii. God's faithfulness in accomplishing the prophecies (11:26-29)
 - iii. God's equal benefit to Gentiles and Jews (11:30-32)
- E. Praise to God for His Plan and Wisdom (11:33-36)
- III. Additional Problems in Rome
 - A. Problem of selfish behavior cause of pride and boasting (12:1-16)
 - i. Couch service to one another with in noble terms of service to God (12:-3)
 - ii. Address problem of pride (12:3)
 - iii. Show that each is a member of a body that needs to work together (12:4-5)
 - iv. Exercising talents as gifts to the body (12:6-15)
 - B. Problem of interaction with enemies (12:14-21, 13:1-7)
 - i. Treat enemy with kindness (12:14-21)
 - ii. Cooperate with rulers (13:1-7)
 - C. Problem of getting caught in the times (13:8-14)
 - i. Don't take it out on neighbors (13:8-10)
 - ii. This was the time prophesied (13:11-13)
 - iii. Don't get caught up in the flesh (13:14)
 - D. Problem of judging each other (14:1-23)
 - i. Accept differences rather than judge (14:1-5)
 - ii. All believers serve and act for the Lord (14:6-9)
 - iii. All are obligated and accountable before God (14:10-12)
 - iv. Don't judge (14:13)
 - v. There is nothing truly unclean to judge about (14:14-19)
 - vi. Footnote about best action regarding food and drink (14:20-23)
- IV. Conclusions on Problems Discussed
 - A. Replace judging with acts of altruism and cooperation (15:1-7)
 - B. Reconciliation and inclusion of Jews in addition to Gentiles (15:8-12)
 - C. Encouragement in hope (15:13-17)
 - D. Glorifying God's work to the Gentiles (15:18-21) as premise to go to Rome
 - E. Explaining reason he didnt reach Rome (15:22-25)
 - F. Some debt to Jerusalem (15:25-28)
 - G. Intent to get to Rome with encouragement (15:29-33)
- V. Assignments to reconcile with groups who were rejected (16:1-16)
- VI. Cautions and actions against those who still act wrong (16:17-19)

VII. Hope to get through the wrath (16:20)

VIII. Greetings and encouragements of those around Paul (16:21-24)

IX. Final encouragements of hope in Christ (16:25-27)

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