

WHAT WE BELIEVE AND HOW WE BEHAVE—1
“The Book That Changed The World”
Romans 1:1-17

Introduction: _____

I. FIRST, NOTICE THE _____ TO THE BOOK.

- A. First, think about the _____ (Romans 1:8a).
1. First, note the city’s _____.
 2. Secondly, notice the city’s _____.
 - a. First, note its _____ people.
 - b. Secondly, consider its _____ people.
- B. Secondly, notice the _____ (1:1a) *“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ . . .”*

II. SECONDLY, NOTE THE INTENTION OF THE BOOK.

The entire book of Romans seeks to answer basic questions that have to do with our lives today. Notice the following questions which give an overview of the book and its INTENTION:

- A. First there is an _____ (1:1-17)
- B. Question #1—*“Is the whole world really _____”* (Romans 1:18—3:20. Key word: _____.
- C. Question #2—*“Just how does God _____ people?”* (Romans 3:21—6:39), Key word: _____.

D. Question #3—*“Just what has happened to _____?” Is God through with the _____?* (Romans 9:1—11:36). Key word: _____.

E. Question #4—*“What difference should it make in my _____?”* (Romans 12:1—16:27). Key Word: _____.

III. THIRDLY, CONSIDER THE INGREDIENTS IN THE BOOK.

- A. First, the book _____ the depravity of man with his present condition (Romans 5:12).
- B. Secondly, the book _____ the future damnation of sinners (Romans 6:23a) *“For the wages of sin is death . . .”*
- C. Thirdly, the book _____ the only deliverance of humanity from hell (Romans 6:23b) *“. . . but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”*
- D. Fourthly, the book _____ the way of holy development of the believer (Romans 12:1-2).
- E. Fifthly, the book _____ an excellent display of God’s nature.

CONCLUSION: Three ways to view this letter:

1. We can view the book as a letter to the Romans and therefore _____ the message God has in it.
2. We can view the book as only a doctrinal discourse, and therefore _____ half of the truth of the message God has for us.
3. We can view the book as a personal letter to us and therefore _____ the entire message and contents a reality in our lives.