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THE EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS  
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  - (2) Holy
  - (3) Acceptable
  - (4) Spiritual

###### 2. The Expectation (2)

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  - d) In our Compassion (13–15) *Initiative*
  - e) In our Thinking (16) *Humility*
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## II. God’s Righteousness in the Believer’s Liberty (14:1–15:13)

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    - (1) Explanation to the Strong (3a)
  - b) *Exhortation to the Weak* (3b)
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(b) He is God's servant (4a)

(c) God has saved him (4b)

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b) He seeks to honor the Lord (6)

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b) Explanation (8)

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(1) Recognize what is Wrong (20)

(2) Be Willing to Relinquish your Rights (21)

b) The Loving Exercise of my Liberty (22–23)

(1) A Matter of Discretion (22)

(2) A Matter of Faith (23)

C. Gladly Endure for the Glory of God (15:1–13)

1. The Obligation to Each Other (1–6)

a) The Expectation of the Strong (1–2)

(1) Bear with the Weak (1)

(2) Build up your Neighbor (2)

b) The Example of Christ's Self Denial (3)

c) The Encouragement of Scripture to Endurance (4)

d) Prayer for the Enabling of God to Harmony (5–6)

(1) The Basis for God's Blessing (5a)

(2) The Aim of God's Blessing (5b)

(3) The Result of God's Blessing (6)

2. The Acceptance by our Savior (15:7–13)

a) The Exhortation to Accept One Another (7) *the motive for our acceptance*

b) The Example of Christ's Acceptance (8–9a) *the model of our acceptance*

c) The Biblical Basis for Accepting the Nations (9b–12) *the mandate for our acceptance*

(1) From Psalm 18:49 (9b)

(2) From Deuteronomy 32:43 (10)

(3) From Psalm 117:1 (11)

(4) From Isaiah 11:10 (12)

- d) The Blessing of God to Abound in Hope (13) *the manifestation of our acceptance of God's glory*

### III. Conclusion (15:14–16:27)

#### A. Paul's Reason for Writing (15:14–33)

##### 1. Paul's Purpose (15:14–21)

- a) His Confidence in their Maturity (14)
- b) His Qualification for Writing (15–17)
  - (1) His Prescriptive Tone (15a)
  - (2) His Priestly Commission (15b–16a)
  - (3) His Priestly Service (16b–17)
- c) His Call to Preach the Gentiles (18–21)
  - (1) The Accomplishment of his Ministry (18a)
  - (2) The Authenticity of his Ministry (18b–19a)
  - (3) The Extent of his Ministry (19b)
  - (4) The Ambition of his Ministry (20)
  - (5) The Authority for his Ministry (21)

##### 2. Paul's Plans (15:22–29)

- a) His Hope to Visit the Church in Rome (22–24)
  - (1) The Reason for his Delay (22)
  - (2) He is no Longer Delayed (23)
  - (3) He Plans to go to Spain with their Help (24)
- b) His Present Relief for the Church in Jerusalem (25–27)
  - (1) His Purpose is to Aid the Saints (25)
  - (2) Others were Pleased to help (26)
  - (3) In fact, they are obligated to help (27)
- c) His Confidence in the Church's Participation (28–29)

- (1) His heart for the realization of gospel unity
- (2) He heart for the continued gospel ministry

### 3. Paul's Prayer (15:30–33)

#### a) His Urgent Appeal to Partner with Him in Prayer (30)

- (1) For the love for Christ
- (2) For the love of one another
- (3) For the love of Paul

#### b) His Prayer Requests (31–32)

- (1) Deliverance from opposition
- (2) Acceptance by the church
- (3) Continuance in his ministry

#### c) His Blessing (33)

## B. Final Greetings and Warnings (16:1–23)

### 1. Commendation of Phoebe (16:1–2)

### 2. Greeting to Paul's Coworkers in Rome (16:3–16)

### 3. Warning Concerning those who are Not Coworkers (16:17–20)

#### a) The Seriousness of Paul's Warning (17a,c)

- (1) He Communicates with Urgency
- (2) He is Concerned for Unity in the Family
- (3) He Calls for Diligence
- (4) He Commands Separation

#### b) The Characteristics of those who are False (17b)

- (1) They are Causing Divisions –*watch for divisions, factions*
- (2) They are Creating Obstacles –*watch for deviations, false teaching*
- (3) They are Slaves to their own Desires (18a) –*Examine their ambitions*

- (4) They Speak in order to Deceive (18b) –*listen for deception (test with the Word)*
  - (a) The Method of their Deception
  - (b) The Object of their Deception
  - c) The Solution is to be Discerning (19) –*practice discernment*
  - d) Their Coming Destruction (20)
- 4. Greetings from Coworkers in Corinth (16:21–23)
- C. Final summary of the gospel of God’s righteousness (16:25–27)
  - 1. Glory for What God is Able to Do (25–26)
  - 2. Glory for Who God is (27)

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