

# **Paul's Letter to the Romans (part 1)**

## **The Irresistible Case for Supporting the Gospel's Expansion**

*Sunday, January 15, 2017*

### **INTRODUCTION:**

**I. The gospel's expansion from Jerusalem to Rome (Acts).**

**II. The apostle's relationship to the church in Rome.**

### **III. The apostle's purpose(s) in Romans.**

- ✓ *To petition them to pray for his upcoming ministry in Jerusalem, Rm 15:30-33.*
  
- ✓ *To pull together the most extensive instruction on the gospel and the righteousness of God for the church(es) in one document.*
  
- ✓ *To provide instruction for submitting under government, Rm 13:1-7.*
  
- ✓ *To promote unity between weaker and stronger Christians in the body, Rm 14:1-15:13.*
  
- ★ *To present his apostolic "gift" - his gospel of God's righteousness - so that they will find partnership with him to Spain irresistible, Rm 1:1, 9-17; 15:17-24, 28-29.*