

ROMANS

OVERVIEW

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“Rejoice with those who rejoice,
and mourn with those who mourn”

Romans 12:15b

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Romans Overview - Walt Henrichsen

- no indication to apostles of other than great Commission that God had
- thought they'd see return of Christ during their life.
- Paul said Gentile could relate to God w/o going thru Judaism.
- Judaizers were Christians that thought Jews the law is w/ of God do. They couldn't emotionally agree w/ conclusion
- Church of God prob founded by proselytes @ Pentacost & brought
- Paul is in Corinth @ end of 3rd missionary journey.
- Fiercely opposed by Jews in Jerusalem yet Paul's raise

Spring^{ca} 58-59 pens Romans. Mature thinking of yrs of thinking
Romans is Queen of Epistles because of his mature thinking; i.e.
situational book like 1 Cor.
Addresses 2 imp? ... doesn't have to embrace

I. BOOK ENDORSEMENTS





This epistle is the chief part
of the New Testament and
the very purest gospel.
It can never be read or
pondered too much,

MARTIN LUTHER
(1483-1546)





and the more it is dealt with
the more precious it becomes,
and the better it tastes.

MARTIN LUTHER
(1483-1546)





“

I think it meet that every Christian
man not only know Romans by rote
and without the book
but also exercise himself therein

WILLIAM TYNDALE
(1494-1536)



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ever more continually as with
the daily bread of the soul.

WILLIAM TYNDALE
(1494-1536)

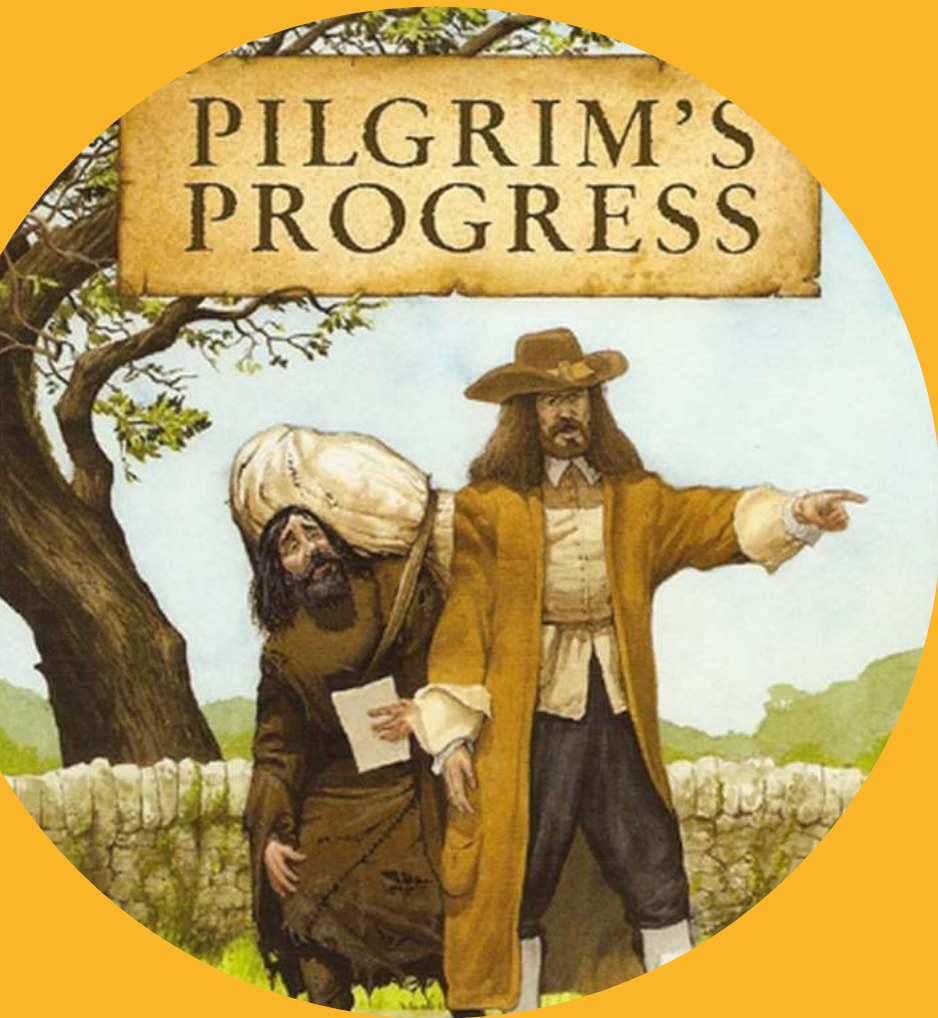




When anyone understands this Epistle,
he has a passage opened to him
to the understanding of the whole
Scripture.

JOHN CALVIN
(1509-1564)





JOHN BUNYAN
(1628-1688)

Penned this classic after studying
Romans while in the Bedford jail.



...the most profound book in existence.

SAMUEL TAYLOR COLERIDGE
(1772-1834)





...the cathedral of the Christian faith.

FRÉDÉRIC LOUIS GODET
(1812-1900)





...the most weighty, complex,
and doctrinal book in the New
Testament.

R.C. SPROUL
(1939-2017)





If Christianity is a religion of theology,
then Paul is her theologian,
and Romans is his magnum opus.

WALT HENRICHSEN
(1934-2016)





I respectfully suggest that to be
biblically literate,
you must understand Romans.

WALT HENRICHSEN
(1934-2016)





...the Magna Carta of the Christian faith.





...the most comprehensive explanation
of the gospel in the Bible.





...the most systematic and detailed
exposition of theology in Scripture.





...the summit of all knowledge.





...the most powerful human document
ever penned.



CONVERSIONS READING ROMANS



Augustine of Hippo
(354-430 AD)
“Doctor of the Church”



Martin Luther
(1483-1546)
Protestant Reformation



John Wesley
(1703-1791)
Great Awakening

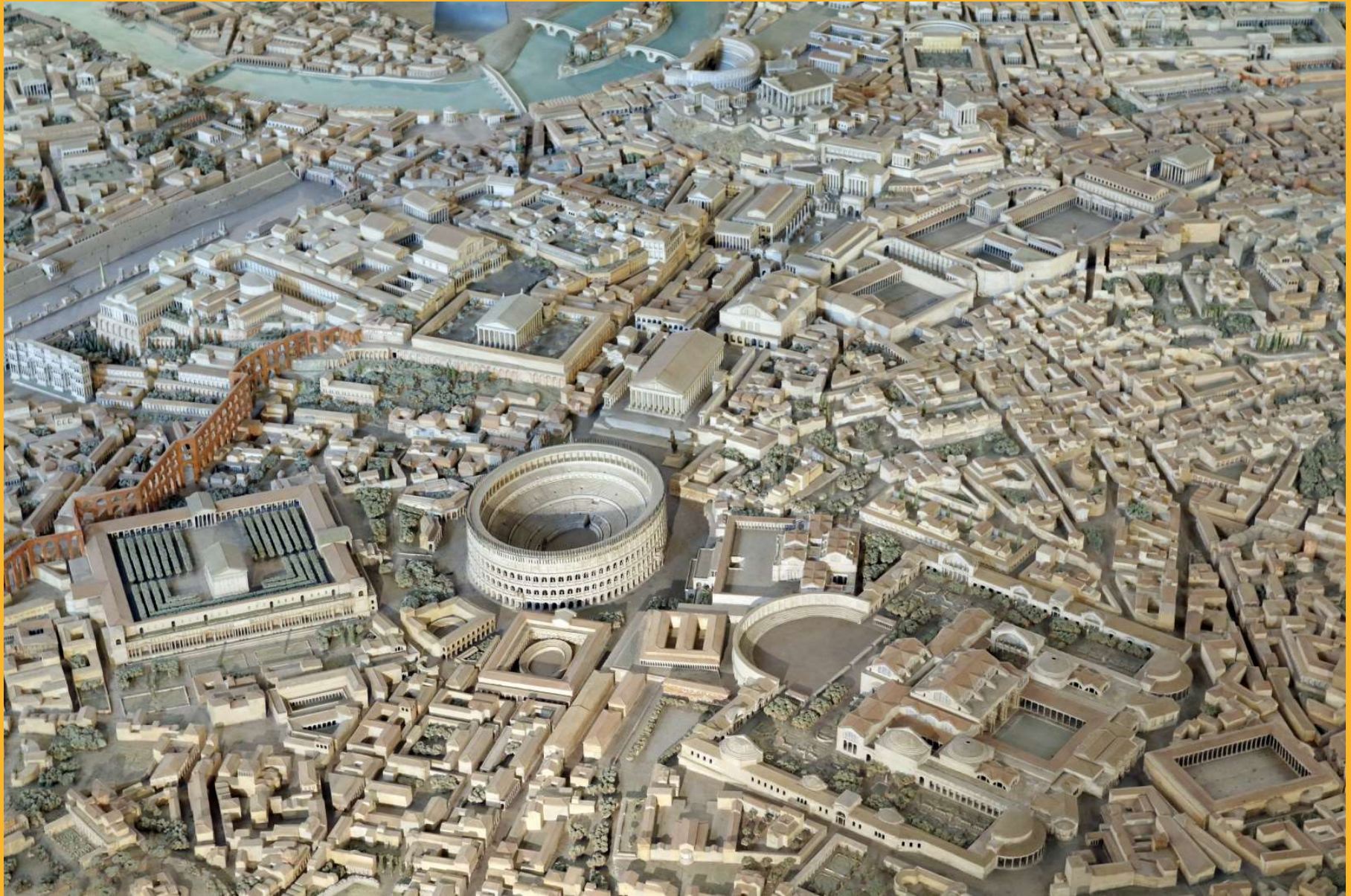
II. ANCIENT ROME



An aerial, black and white photograph of a detailed model of ancient Rome. The city is densely packed with numerous small buildings, streets, and public structures. A large, circular amphitheater is visible in the upper center, and a long, oval-shaped stadium is located in the lower right. The Tiber River flows along the right side of the city. The overall scene depicts the vastness and complexity of the ancient Roman urban landscape.

ROME: FOUNDED 753 B.C.

World's greatest city
1-4 million population
75% slaves



2. Temple of Apollo

7. Temple of the Capitoline Triad
17. Forum



TEMPLE DE JUPITER

FORUM

COTE NORD







III.DEF-I-NI-TIONS



LAW

1. Mosaic Law (600+ OT commands)
2. Moral Law/Natural Law (Ro. 2)
3. OT in general (“Law & prophets”)
4. Rule of duty
5. Rule of law (general sense)
6. A directing power (“law of sin,” Ro. 7)

“After passing the bar
and becoming a lawyer,
I was sitting at the bar
eating a bar of chocolate
thinking about how to raise the bar
for my fellow barristers,
when I got hit in the head with a metal bar
and dragged unconscious onto a sand bar
and left for dead.”

“After I set my alarm clock
I set the clock down but accidentally knocked
over the china set
which was carefully set for dinner
which cut a wire that set the house on fire. I
didn't set a very good example
of coordination,
but it set my life on a different course.”

TRANSGRESSION

SIN

To break, violate, breach a law or rule

An offence; literally: misses the mark

Variants occur 67X in Romans

CONDEMNATION

CONDEMN

To declare the accused guilty and worthy of punishment

Damnatory sentence for transgressing the law

2Thessalonians 1:9 - Eternal destruction

GOSPEL

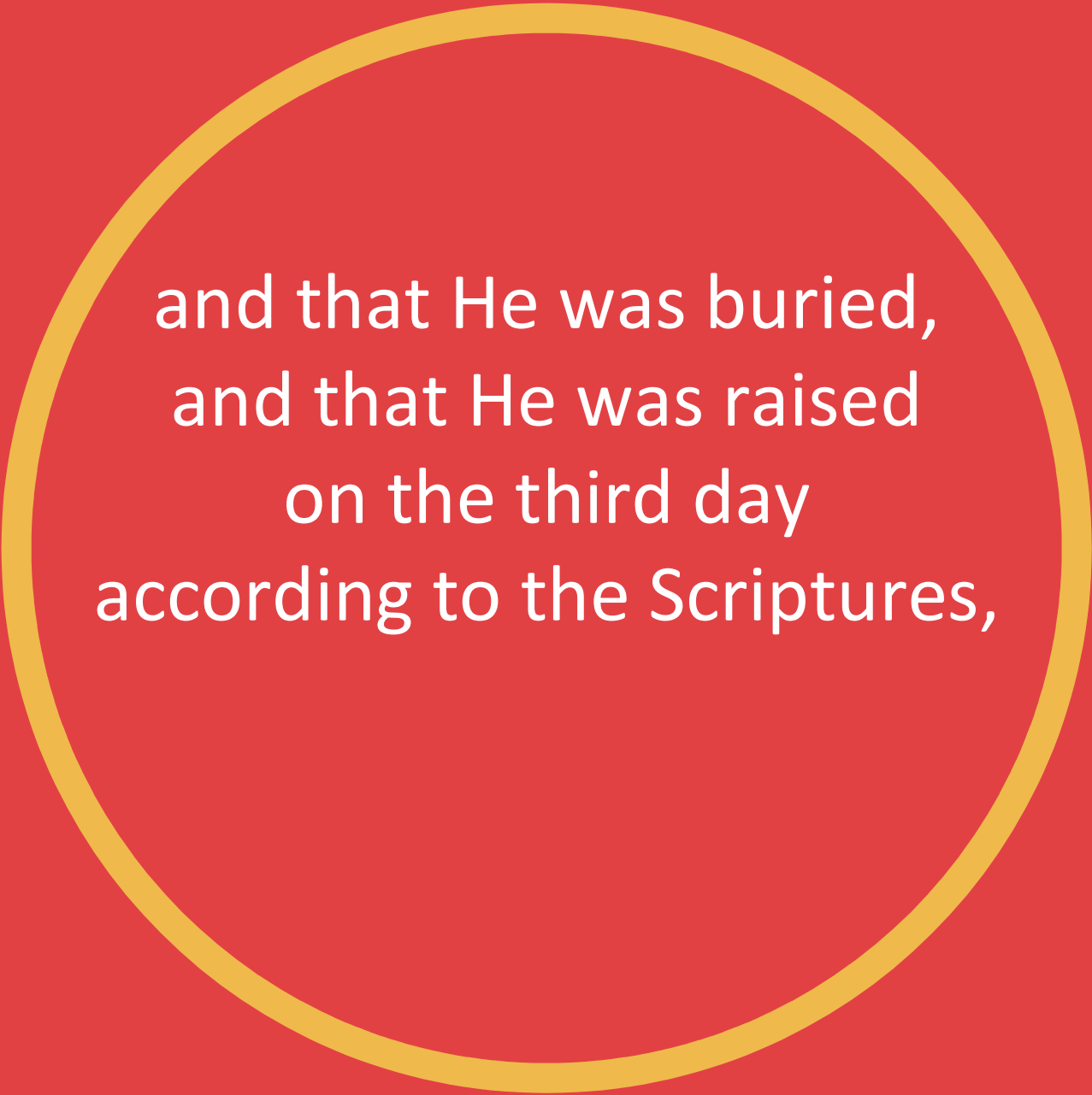
God's "good news"

Of the Messiah-Savior Jesus

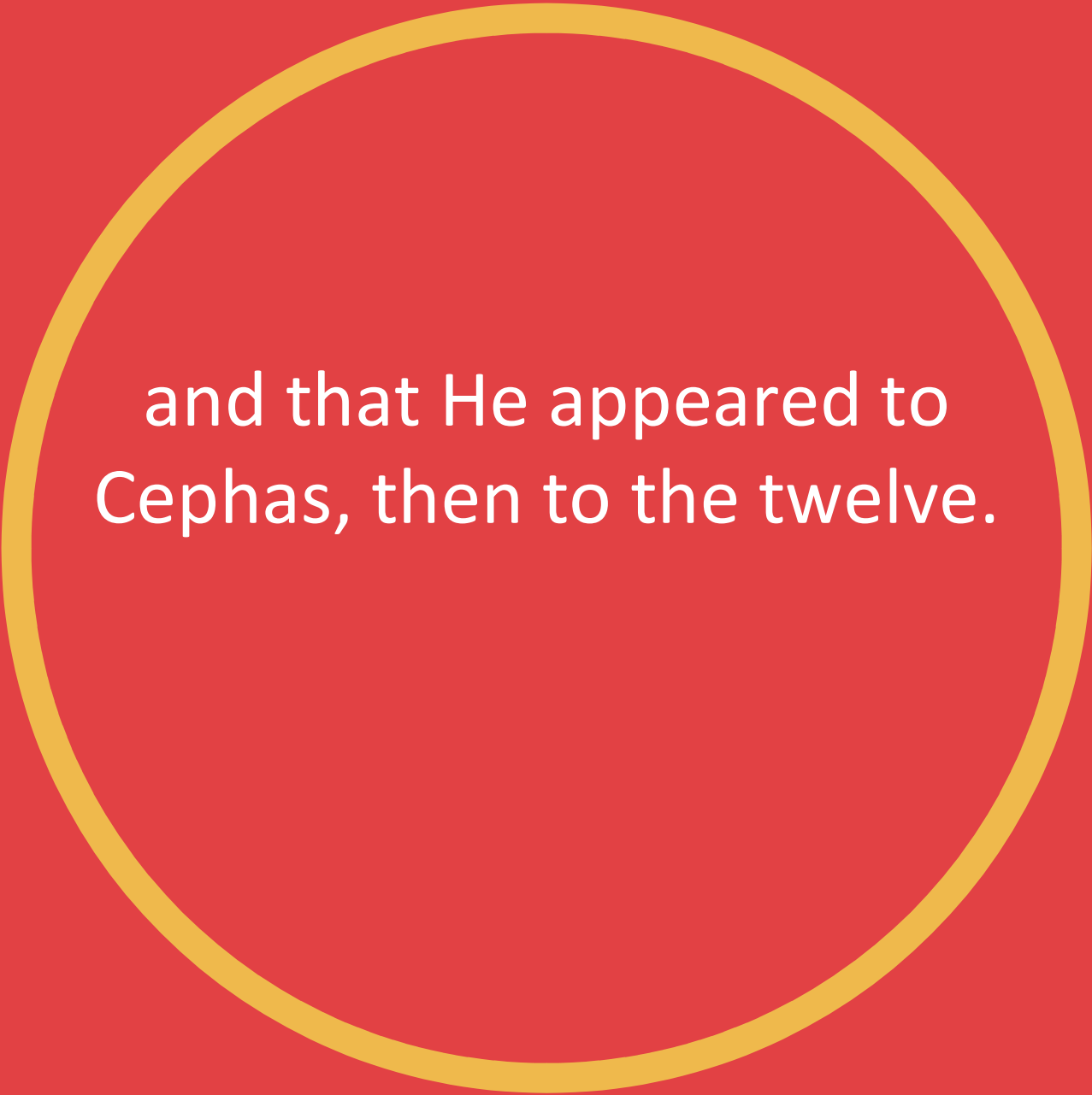
Presumes some "not-so good news"



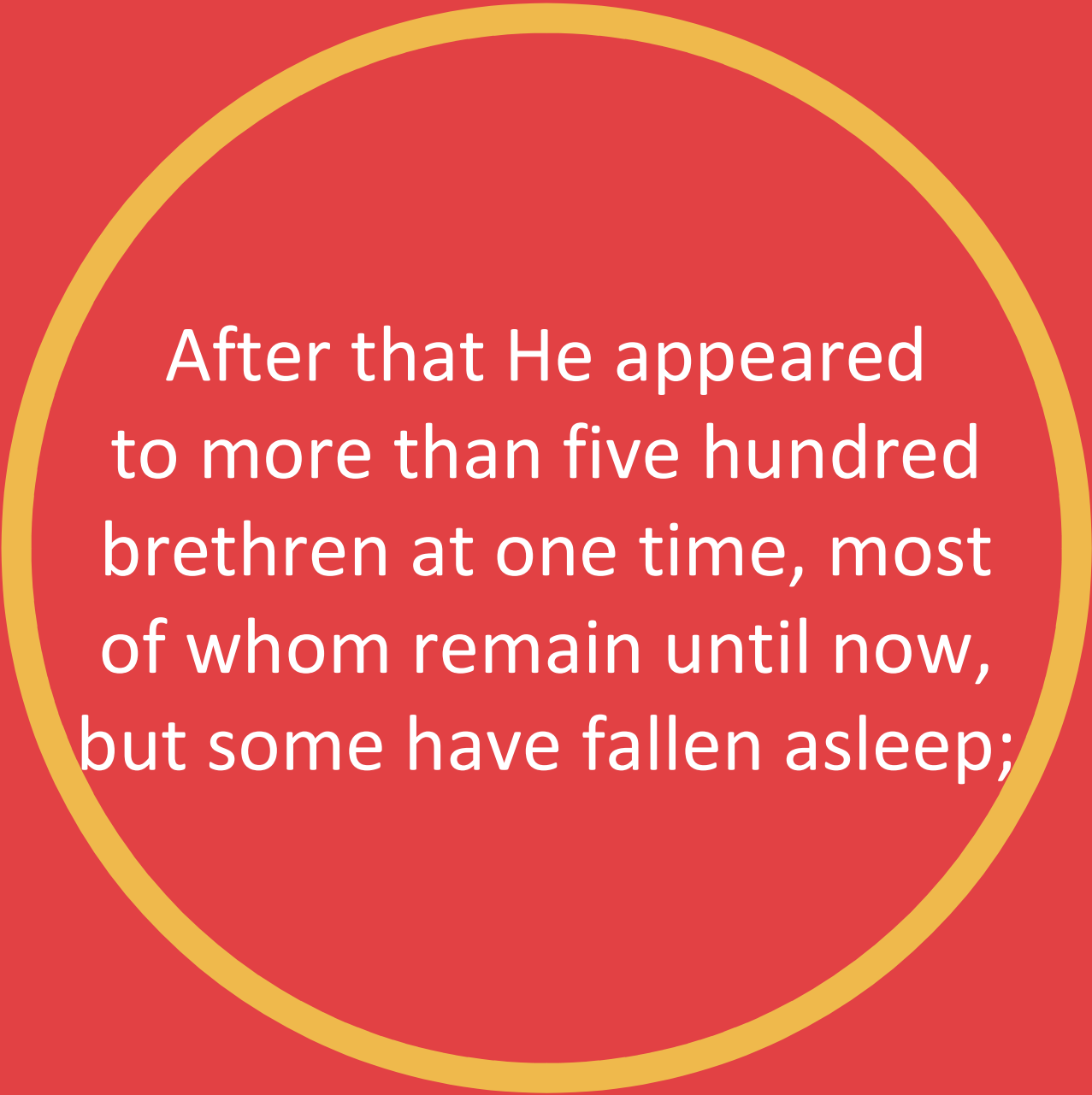
“...Christ died for our sins
according to the Scriptures,



and that He was buried,
and that He was raised
on the third day
according to the Scriptures,



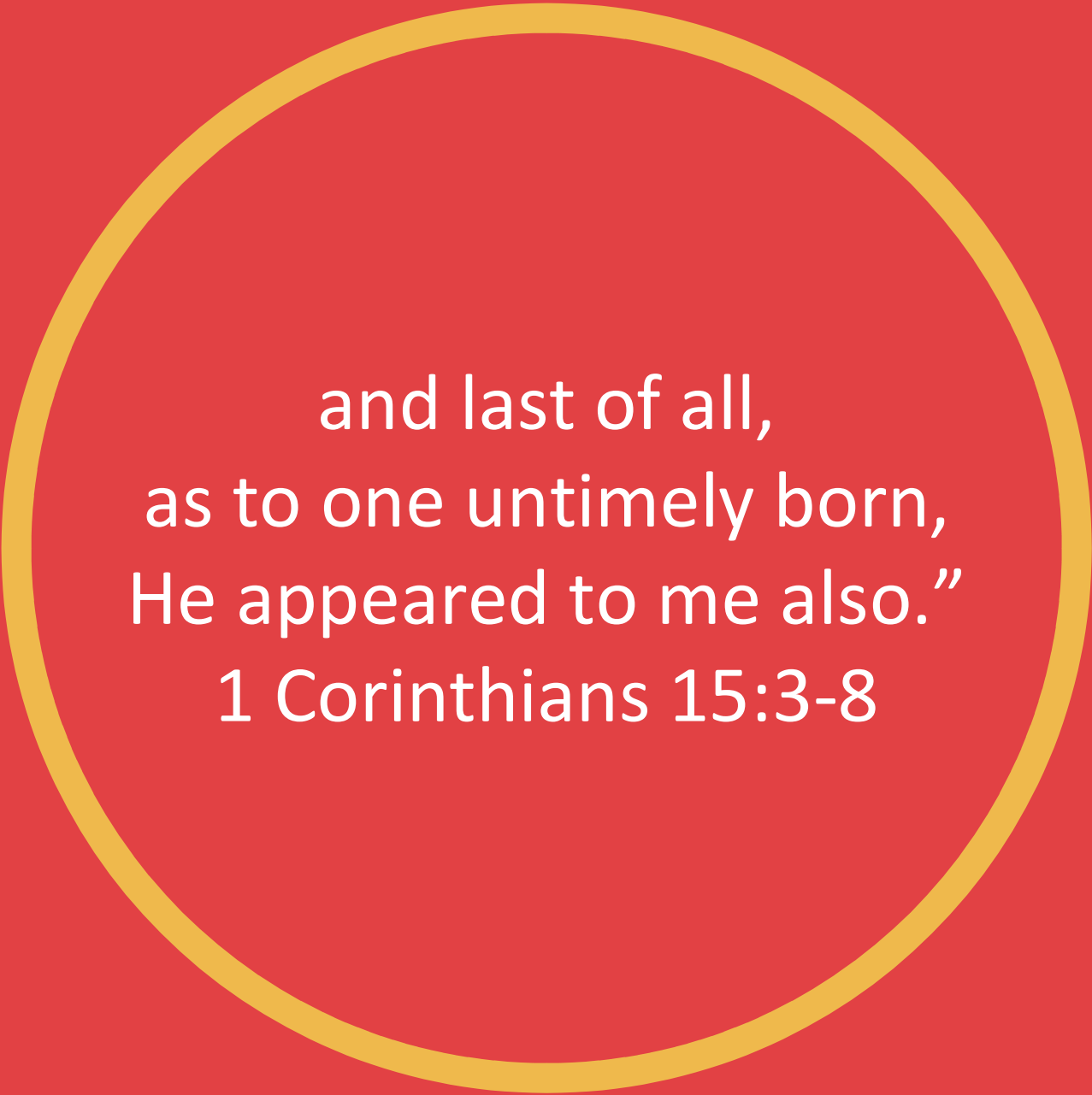
and that He appeared to
Cephas, then to the twelve.



After that He appeared
to more than five hundred
brethren at one time, most
of whom remain until now,
but some have fallen asleep;



then He appeared to James,
then to all the apostles;



and last of all,
as to one untimely born,
He appeared to me also.”

1 Corinthians 15:3-8

SALVATION

SAVE

Deliverance, preservation

To be saved from the guilt and condemnation of sin

(from eternal relational separation from God)

FAITH, *n*

BELIEVE, *v*

Same Greek word: *pisteuo*

To actively trust; to submit to; to yield

Taking God at His Word



Romans
was written not
merely to inform us,
but to transform us.

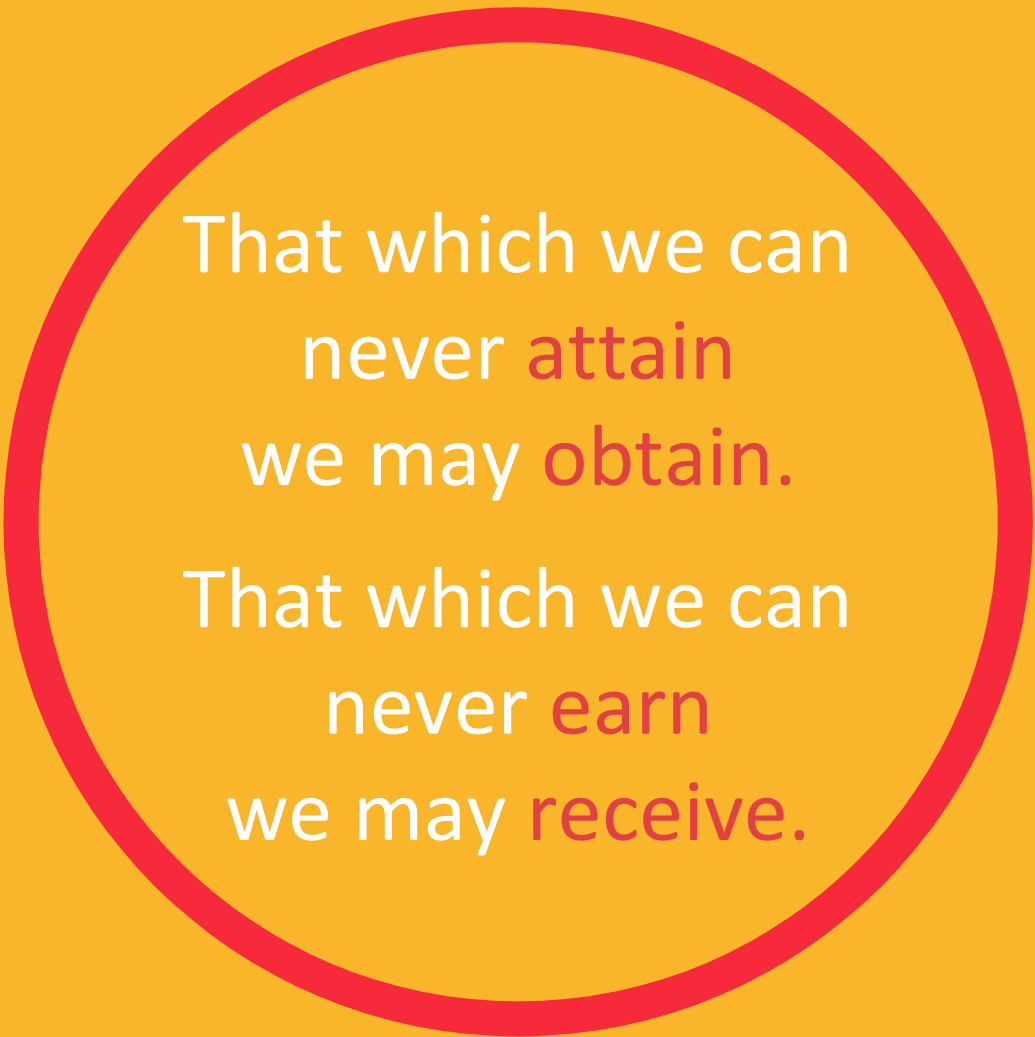
RIGHTEOUSNESS

RIGHTEOUS

To do right or be rightly related with God

Variants occur 48X in Romans 1-10, 14

Judicial, declarative; positional



That which we can
never attain
we may obtain.

That which we can
never earn
we may receive.

JUSTIFICATION

JUSTIFY

To be legally declared right with God; not guilty

Judicial act declaring demands of justice are satisfied

Same Greek word as “righteous”: dikaiosynē

IMPUTATION

IMPUTE

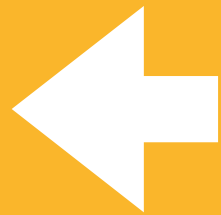
To credit, reckon, account, count, consider

An accounting term

Legal, declarative sense

Me

Adam

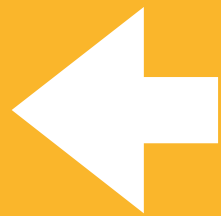


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Adam's
Sin

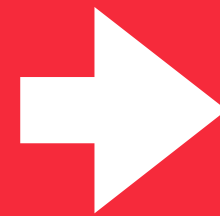
Christ

Believer



Believer's
Sin

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Christ's
Righteousness



Lord Jesus,
You are my righteousness,
I am your sin.

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You took on you what was mine;
yet set on me what was yours.
You became what you were not,
that I might become what I was not.

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SANCTIFICATION

To be set apart; holy

Process of becoming holy, mature in
Christ

PREDESTINED

ELECT

To predetermine, decide beforehand

God decreeing from eternity

To foreordain, choose beforehand

GRACE

God's undeserved, unearned favor
Expressed in mercy, forgiveness, kindness
Contrasts with works (earned favor)

IV. FIVE TIPS FOR UNDERSTANDING





Romans can be listened
to in 47 minutes -
but it requires years
of heavy lifting to grasp
beyond the superficial.

1



You must understand
Romans grammatically
to properly understand
it theologically -
especially literal vs.
figurative expressions.





Beware of your own
theological
presuppositions and
agendas -
let the **text** lead you to
its conclusions/message.

III



IV

Carefully follow Paul's Q&A structure (79) and logical arguments which he probably used in each new synagogue as he anticipated objections



Edict of Claudius, A.D.49
Acts 18:2

Expulsion of the Jews

Reentry into the Roman
Gentile church: tensions

V

V. ROMANS FLY OVER



VI. APPLICATIONS



“...knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?”

Romans 2:4

“_____ was the person who demonstrated the kindness of God to me that helped lead me to Christ.

- Text them a word of thanks right now.

“...knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?”

Romans 2:4

“_____ is the person I need to demonstrate the kindness of God to help lead them to Christ.
- Text them a word of kindness right now.

THE END

