Romans 1:16.

SUBJECT: Paul to the church at Rome

(Introductory sermon on Book of Romans)

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PAUL, TO THE CHURCH AT ROME

I THE EPISTLE WHY IS IT FIRST?

1. Not the first Epistle Paul wrote
   I, II Thess 50-51
   I, II Cor., Galatians, Romans 54, 57
   Ephesians, Phil., Col., Philemon 61, 63
   I Tim., Titus, II Tim 66, 68

   Placed first of NT Epistles because of importance

2. Written from Corinth, 3rd journey, 55 A.D. Rome of Romans 16:23, Erastus
   carried by Phoebe, of Cenchrea, port city of Corinth on south side Tit. 1:14

3. Heretofore, known Paul as a preacher, "missionary" Romans, unsurpassed above all other chs.
   Now, a writer: beyond the effect
   of FREDERIC GODET, "the cathedral of the X^n faith"
   of Samuel Taylor Coleridge: "the profoundest book in existence"

II. THE AUTHOR

PAUL 1:1 at head of the Epistle.

Effected to find PETER: an invention, lacking all historical support, Peter ever any contact with X^ns of Rome

1. Gal. 2:9 Peter to the Jews, Paul to the Gentiles. Rome = Gentile ch. 1:13
   Peter wrote of Epistles - to the Diaspora in Asia Minor I P. 1:1, II P. 3:1
   Rom. 1:13 Rome a Gentile church

2. According to invention, Peter pastor of the church there at time + in 55-57 A.D.
   original long list, ch. 16, 27 persons, he not mentioned.
   Robust letter written from Rome - many mentioned - Peter never mentioned
   reason - Peter on other side of Rome world.

3. Paul wanted to go where no other apostle had gone. Rom. 15:20; II Cor. 10:16
   no apostle ought to do work formerly of the Rome church.
   Pentecost 2:10 "strangers from Rome" Rom. 16:7 X^ns before Paul

III WRITES OF JUDAIZERS = attitude all in common PURPOSE FOR EPISTLE

Paul had not preached at Rome.

Earnest desire to do so. Acts 19:21; Rom 1:9-13

Instead writes of the gospel given his by revelation from X Jesus

He is full of the Roman salvation by the judaizers - to be saved must keep law of Moses, circumcision

Sr Galatians - chs. turned away from right faith of X

- passionate, heated reply

Rome - calmer, less vehement, style, present his gospel

a God righteousness to be obtained by faith in X Rom 3:16

IV Concerning the book

1. Some: a religious treatise written by a man more a nondogmal, logical mind & applying his views of salvation

Others: the foundation document / the Pauline theology a theological treatise

Others: the formal, mental history of the apostle as he struggled his way from the old, Jewish viewpoint to the gospel of X

2. What Paul says: Gal. 1:11, 12; ~~Rom 3:16~~ 3 Jesus of Christ

"by revelation" taught his by Jesus Christ Gal. 1:15-18

not just the product / a logical mind

not a system of theology he thought out

not a system someone else taught him

But of God, not man

mind of man could not have invented it

God had to reveal it

3. Profoundest document ever written

Deep: no theological scholar can sounded its depths

yet simple: the humblest saint can read, be blest

The march of inspiration, divine revelation: profoundly simplicity

(a) Martin Luther "..."

(b) John Wesley

The Outline

I Doctrinal chs 1-8

A God-kind of righteousness

man's true condition: lost, all world guilty before God

God's offering grace in X Jesus, covering, forgiving [illegible]

justification by faith - an imputed righteousness

II Dispensational chs. 9-11

God and the problem of Israel's unbelief.

Future restoration

III Exhortation chs. 12-16

The message for you, us

1. If you interpret religion in terms of good works / moral codes / ethical philosophy

salvation by golden rules / human righteousness

then Romans is anathema

2. Paul's thesis: man's works not enough

: righteousness which is of the law, works, not enough

: the God-kind of righteousness is by faith in Jesus X

: the just shall live by faith

3. Not for lack of ethical codes / moral teachers does the world perish. Did Jesus come into the world

" " if ethical teaching of world's religions [illegible] - of works - we need for X

older than Xy: [illegible]

But Xy is not a system of ethics, creeds, ordinances, theology, creeds

Xy is a Person

Xy is X

The Message of Romans The Need of This Hour

1. So may X's ignorant of what the gospel of [illegible] — [illegible] do not [illegible] a [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]

2. So may X's stirring to action what God in infinite grace, love has already [illegible] THEY to [illegible] it; [illegible] already [illegible]

3. So may X's lack assurance of salvation. Unaware / deny position in X. He is [illegible] grace, salvation
   4. airplane ride
   5. digest in [illegible]
   6. medical prescription
   7. quiet in marriage

   [illegible] [illegible] good

4. So may X's [illegible] in all kinds of [illegible] doctrine, cults — [illegible] / [illegible] salvation

5. To us all: Rom. 1:15-17, 5:1, 3, 6-8

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