

INSIGHTS ON ROMANS: THE CHRISTIAN'S CONSTITUTION

GETTING A GRASP OF THE GOSPEL

ROMANS 1:1-13



The Heart of the Matter

Familiar terms sometimes carry unfamiliar meanings. Take the term *gospel*. We Christians have heard (and used) this term often. We refer to loving the gospel, giving the gospel, spreading the gospel, and believing the gospel. We have gospel churches, gospel messages, gospel hymns, gospel ministries, and gospel crusades. Pastors are officially known as ministers of the gospel, and missionaries take the gospel abroad. But can you define the word? And where does it come from? How could Paul say he was “set apart for the gospel” (Romans 1:1)? Are all Christians “set apart” or just a few spiritual leaders? As we get underway in our study of the letter to the Romans, let’s get a good grasp of this term as well as its importance to our faith.



Discovering the Way

1. Paul and the Gospel (Romans 1:1-6)

Paul clarified four important elements of the gospel for his readers: its origin, its revelation, its content, and its purpose.

2. Paul and the Romans (Romans 1:7-13)

Paul expressed gratitude for the Romans, he prayed for them, and he longed to be with them at some point in the future.

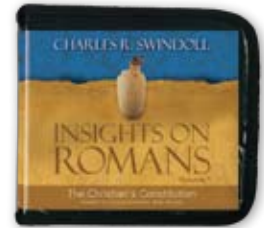


Starting Your Journey

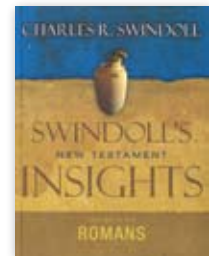
Just like every other person to whom God has granted life, you must answer three questions for yourself: Will you accept the gospel? Will you apply Romans to your life? And will you share the truth with others?



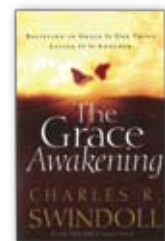
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