

**1. The Apostle Paul's letter**

- a) Romans 1:1, 7
- b) Romans 16:1–2, written from Cenchreae
- c) Acts 18:1–11, 18, church established AD51–52
- d) Acts 20:1–3, three more months in Greece—AD58
- e) Why do you think Paul took this opportunity to write a letter to Christians in Rome?

**2. Paul's desire to visit Rome**

- a) Romans 15:20–24
- b) Why do you think Paul was so anxious to visit Rome?
- c) What motivated Paul to travel to new areas as an apostle of Jesus Christ? Romans 10:13–17

**3. Paul eventually visits Rome**

- a) Acts 28:16, how was Paul's longing to visit Rome finally realized years after writing his epistle to the Romans?
- b) Acts 25:1–12, why was Paul sent as a prisoner to Rome?
- c) What opportunities did Paul have while a prisoner in Rome? Acts 28:16–23, 30–31
- d) Who were some of the people impacted by Paul's teaching ministry in Rome? Philippians 1:12–13, 4:22

**4. Paul's introductory remarks to the Roman Christians**

- a) Romans 1:1–7

- b) Why do you think Paul takes so long to introduce himself? 1 Corinthians 1:1, Ephesians 1:1, Philippians 1:1
- c) What are your thoughts about the way Paul addresses the Christians, as “beloved of God” and “saints”?
- d) How could Paul call early Christians “saints” when they obviously still had many problems?
  - i) See also 1 Corinthians 1:2

**5. The faith of the Roman Christians**

- a) Romans 1:8
- b) A Christian community had formed in Rome prior to any visit by an apostle like Paul or Peter. How might the Christian message have made its way to Rome? (Luke 7:1–10, Acts 2:5–10, Acts 10:1–2, 48)
- c) What other words of affirmation does Paul have concerning the Christians in Rome? Romans 15:14
  - i) Full of goodness
  - ii) Filled with all knowledge, Acts 17:11
  - iii) Able to admonish one another, James 1:5
- d) How would the apostle Paul describe your local church? How would he describe you?
- e) How can we help our church family grow in harmony with God's ideal? 2 Peter 3:18

