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## Geography

- The world is divided into continents and oceans.
- The continents are Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, and South America.

## History

- The study of past events and societies.
- It helps us understand how we got to where we are today.

## Science

- The study of the natural world and how it works.
- It includes biology, chemistry, and physics.

## Mathematics

- The study of numbers and shapes.
- It helps us solve problems and understand the world around us.

## Language Arts

- The study of reading, writing, and speaking.
- It helps us communicate effectively and understand literature.

# How do we know what Paul wrote in Romans 1:1-17?

ROMANS 1.1-17

**KEY VERSE:**

**'For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes ...'**

ROMANS 1.16 (ESV)

## Part I: The back story

ROMANS 16



**WHO WROTE ROMANS?**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to all who love the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ in glory, with all his saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of his Father, before all ages, from whom all things came, by whom all things were created, and who is seated at the right hand of the Father, who is the Father of glory, through whom we have received our salvation, who is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of his Father, who is the Father of glory, through whom we have received our salvation, who is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of his Father, who is the Father of glory, through whom we have received our salvation...

ROMANS 1.1 (NIV)



**WHO WAS ROMANS WRITTEN TO?**

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**WHO BROUGHT THE LETTER TO ROME?**

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ROMANS 16.1-2 (ESV)



**WHAT'S THE UNDERLYING MESSAGE OF ROMANS?**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, to all who love the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ in glory, with all his saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of his Father, before all ages, from whom all things came, by whom all things were created, and who is seated at the right hand of the Father, who is the Father of glory, through whom we have received our salvation, who is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of his Father, who is the Father of glory, through whom we have received our salvation, who is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of his Father, who is the Father of glory, through whom we have received our salvation...

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ROMANS 15.7 (NIV)



## Discussion time

READ ROMANS 16.1-16

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16.1 I have written you a letter, but I have not had time to read it to you. I will do so as soon as I see you.

16.2 I have written you a letter, but I have not had time to read it to you. I will do so as soon as I see you.

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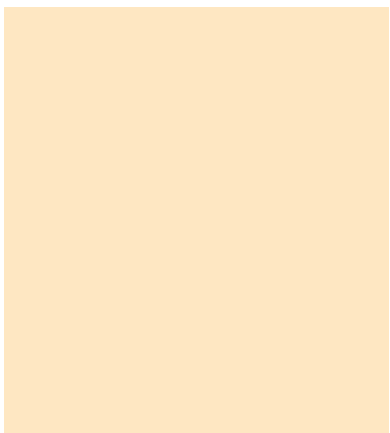
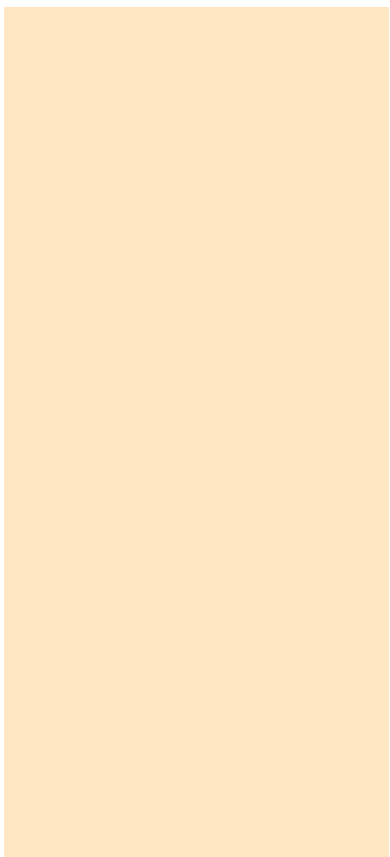
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# Discussion time

READ ROMANS 1.18–25

1. Read Romans 1.18–20. How does Paul describe the people of Rome? What evidence does he give to show that they are without excuse?

2. Read Romans 1.21–25. How does Paul describe the people of Rome? What evidence does he give to show that they are without excuse?

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## Part II: What's wrong with religion?

IF ROMANS 1 FOCUSES ON THE PROBLEM OF UNRIGHTEOUSNESS,  
ROMANS 2 HIGHLIGHTS THE DANGER OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS:



ROMANS 2.1 (NIV)

IF WE ASSUME WE ARE BETTER THAN OTHERS, WE BECOME PROUD, CRITICAL



## READING ROMANS:

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- READING 1:

**R 3.21 26**

- READING 2:

**R 3.27 31**

- READING 3:

**R 4.17 1 9004 OMCP**

## READING SUGGESTIONS:

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- *Romans: A Letter That  
Makes Sense of Life*
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# 3: Justification

**'All are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.'**

ROMANS 3.24 (NIV)

## Part I: Justified by faith



### THE SLAVE MARKET (3:24)

...all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

ROMANS 3.24 (NIV)



### THE TEMPLE (3:25)

...he did this to demonstrate his righteousness because he had done so in the past when he tolerated the sin of Israel; he was doing this to demonstrate his righteousness now that everyone has sinned.

ROMANS 3.25 (NIV)

### LAW COURT (3:26)

...he did this to demonstrate his righteousness because he had done so in the past when he tolerated the sin of Israel; he was doing this to demonstrate his righteousness now that everyone has sinned.

ROMANS 3.26 (NIV)



## Discussion time

READ ROMANS 3.21–26

1.

What does Paul mean when he says that we are all under the power of sin? How does this affect our lives today?

2.

Read Romans 3.21–26. How does Paul describe the way in which God has provided a way for us to be made right with him? What does this mean for us today?

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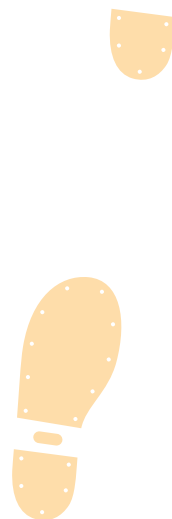
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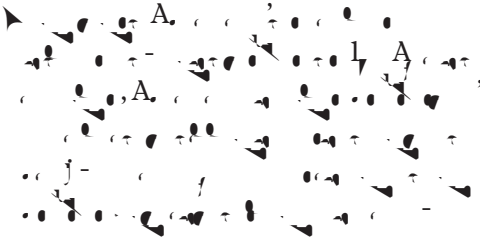
**God's  
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At  
Christ's  
Expense**

## Part II: Living by faith



# Part II: Reflection time

READ ROMANS 4.18–25



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READING  
ROMANS:



- READING 1:  
**R 5.1 5**
- READING 2:  
**R 5.6 8**
- READING 3:  
**R 5.9 11**
- READING 4:  
**R 5.12 17**
- READING 5:  
**R 5.18 21**



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SUGGESTIONS:

- *Romans: A Letter That  
Makes Sense of Life*

# 4: P

KEY VERSE:

**'But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.'**

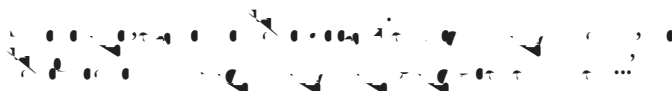
ROMANS 5.8 (NIV)



## Part I: God's peace is a certain fact



PEACE WITH GOD



ROMANS 5.1 (NIV)



## ACCESS TO GOD

ROMANS 5.2 (NIV)

...and by his blood we have access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in the hope of the glory to come.

ROMANS 5.8 (NIV)



## Discussion time

READ ROMANS 5.1–2,9–10

1. How does Paul describe the way we have access to God's grace? What does he mean by "boasting in the hope of the glory to come"?

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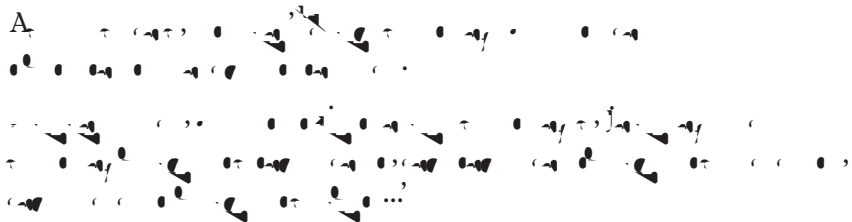
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## Part II: God's peace is a lived experience

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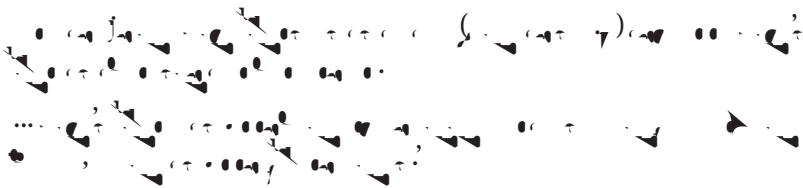
### WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE EVEN THROUGH SUFFERING



ROMANS 5.3-4 (ESV)

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### WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT



ROMANS 5.5 (NIV)

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# 5: F

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**'Offer yourselves to God as those who have  
been brought from death to life ... sin shall  
no longer be your master ...'**

ROMANS 6.13–14 (NIV)

## Part I: Know who you are

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ROMANS 6.1–2 (ESV)

INSTEAD, GRACE GIVES US A NEW IDENTITY SO WE CAN LIVE IN FREEDOM

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ROMANS 6.3–4 (ESV)

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ROMANS 6.6 (ESV)



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ROMANS 6.4 (NIV)



## Discussion time

READ ROMANS 6.3–4,11

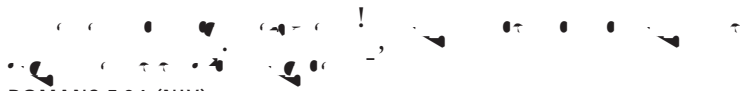
1. Musical notation for the first part of the passage, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

2. Musical notation for the second part of the passage, continuing the melody.

3. Musical notation for the third part of the passage, ending with a double bar line.

## Part II: Live out your new identity

ROMANS 7 EXPRESSES AN HONEST CRY OF FRUSTRATION AND FAILURE

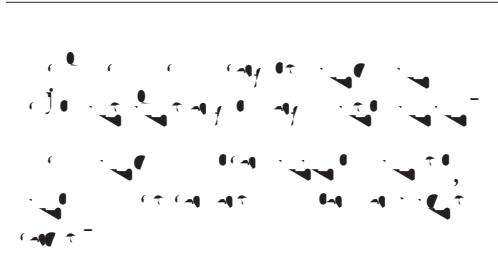


ROMANS 7.24 (NIV)

ROMANS 7 REMINDS US THAT MORAL LAWS AND RULES CANNOT CHANGE

## Part II: Reflection time

READ ROMANS 6.12–13



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ROMANS:



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**R 8.1 4**
- READING 2:  
**R 8.5 11**
- READING 3:  
**R 8.12 17**
- READING 4:  
**R 8.18 30**
- READING 5:  
**R 8.31 39**



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SUGGESTIONS:

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ROMANS 8.23-24 (NIV)





## Part II: God is for us

ROMANS 8.1–11



ROMANS 8.12–17



ROMANS 8.18–30

OUR FUTURE HOPE GIVES US COURAGE TO KEEP GOING THROUGH LIFE'S CHALLENGES



### NEW CREATION

... **we are not under the law, but under grace.** ...

ROMANS 8.22 (NIV)



### NEW BODIES

... **we are not under the law, but under grace.** ...

ROMANS 8.23 (NIV)



### NEW SECURITY

... **we are not under the law, but under grace.** ...

ROMANS 8.31 (NIV)

... **we are not under the law, but under grace.** ...

ROMANS 8.37 (NIV)

... **we are not under the law, but under grace.** ...

ROMANS 8.39 (NIV)

## Part II: Reflection time

READ ROMANS 8.31–39

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ROMANS 9-11

KEY VERSE:

**'Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!'**

ROMANS 11.33 (NIV)

## Part I: Backstage – God is Sovereign

ROMANS 9; 11

PAUL IS PASSIONATE ABOUT HIS OWN PEOPLE, THE JEWS:

ROMANS 9.3 (NIV)

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## Discussion time

READ ROMANS 9.14–16, 19–21; 11.25–32

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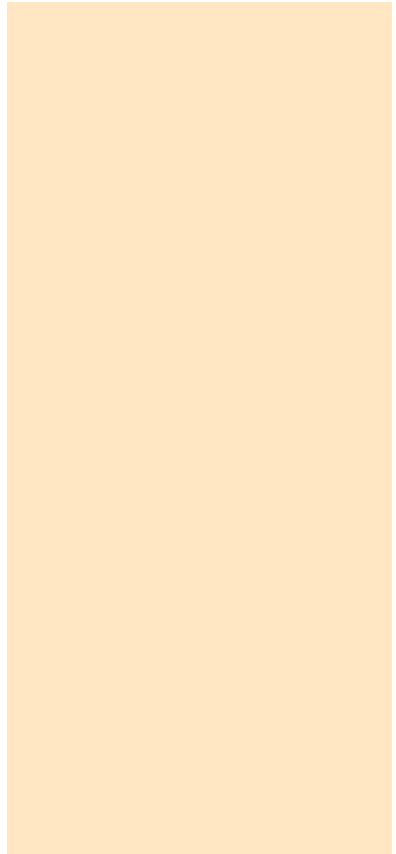
## Part II: Onstage – we are responsible

READ ROMANS 10

## Part II: Reflection time

READ ROMANS 10.9–13

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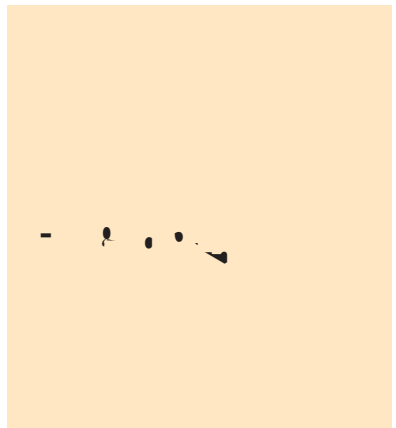
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ROMANS 12

KEY VERSE:

**'I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God ...'**

ROMANS 12.1 (NIV)

## Part I: Living sacrifices

ROMANS 12.1-2



WE MUST BREAK WITH PAST WAYS OF LIVING:

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ROMANS 12.2 (NIV)



WE MUST EMBRACE GOD'S TRUTH:

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ROMANS 12.2 (NIV)



WE MUST DEVOTE OUR WHOLE SELVES TO GOD:

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ROMANS 12.1 (THE MESSAGE)

READ ROMANS 12.1–2



## Part II: Loving servants

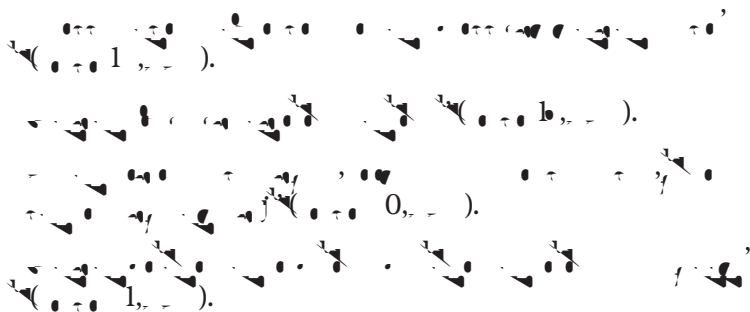
ROMANS 12.3–21

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### WE ARE TO BE LOVING SERVANTS IN GOD'S FAMILY



### WE ARE TO BE LOVING SERVANTS TOWARDS OUR ENEMIES



## Part II: Reflection time

READ ROMANS 12.14–21

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ROMANS:

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**R 13.1 7**
- READING 2:  
**R 13.8 10**
- READING 3:  
**R 13.11 14**
- READING 4:  
**R 14.1 12**
- READING 5:  
**R 14.13 23**



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# H 9: C

**'For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit ...'**

ROMANS 14.17 (NIV)

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## Discussion time

READ ROMANS 13.1–5

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1. How do you think Paul would describe the Roman government? Do you think he would be a fan of the Roman government? Why or why not?

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2. How do you think Paul would describe the Roman government? Do you think he would be a fan of the Roman government? Why or why not?

READ ROMANS 13.6–14

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## Part II: How to be a positive member of Christ's Church

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GOD'S GOAL FOR THE CHURCH IS UNITY NOT UNIFORMITY

And as we have many members, one body, and we are all joined together in one another's flesh and blood, we will strive to keep the unity of the Spirit by the bonds of peace, with fear and love, serving one another in love, as the Lord's body, which is his church, which he himself sanctifies and cleanses with the word of water by the word, that he may present to himself the church as a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind, that she should be holy and without blemish.

ROMANS 15.7 (NIV)

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WE MUST DISTINGUISH BETWEEN PRIMARY AND SECONDARY MATTERS

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THOSE WITH A 'STRONG' CONSCIENCE MUST BE CONSIDERATE

Therefore, if one of you has doubts about eating certain foods, it is better for you to abstain, for eating with a doubtful conscience and eating food that is unclean will harm your weak conscience. It will bring you into bondage to what you are eating and drinking. For by your knowledge, that of which you are certain, you will bring down the weak person, who is Christ's body, into bondage. We invite you therefore, you who know the truth, to take care that you do not despise those who are weak in faith. Instead, welcome them as you have welcomed Christ, who himself made himself weak by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Why was he so weak? It was so that he might bring you into bondage to himself. He did this so that he might rescue you from all ungodliness.

ROMANS 14.21 (NIV)

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THOSE WITH A 'WEAK' CONSCIENCE MUST ACT WITH CONVICTION

Therefore, if you are troubled by eating sacrificed food, eat only what you believe to be clean. And do not let your conscience be condemned because of what you eat, for the Kingdom of God does not consist in eating and drinking, but in righteousness, peace and joy with those who live in peace and joy with God. For Christ has redeemed us from all ungodliness, sanctifying us completely and presenting himself to himself as a church, a church that is holy, without blemish or anything of the kind, that she should be presented to himself in glory, not having anything of the kind, that she should be holy and without blemish.

ROMANS 14.23 (NIV)

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WE MUST PROTECT OUR UNITY IN CHRIST

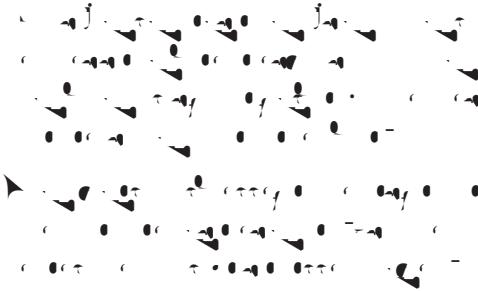
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ROMANS 14.19 (NIV)

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## Part II: Reflection time

READ ROMANS 14.17–19



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**R 15.1 7**
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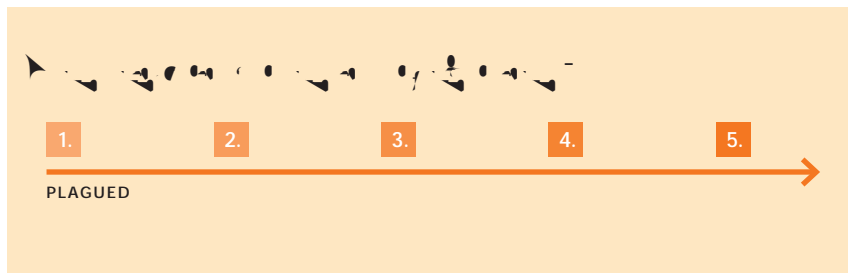






## Part II: The ground we've covered

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ROMANS 1.16 (NIV)



### THE GOSPEL IS A ROOTED STORY

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ROMANS 16.25–26 (NIV)

### THE GOSPEL IS A RELEVANT STORY

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ROMANS 16.26 (NIV)

### THE GOSPEL IS A RELATIONAL STORY

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ROMANS 15.6 (NIV)

