

## **Series on Romans for Airdrie Baptist Church, Autumn 2021**

### **Session 1   Romans   1:1-17**

#### **The Setting and the Set-Up**

From the list of associates in chapter 16 we can determine that Paul was in Corinth when he wrote Romans. Gaius is his host, presumably the Gaius who was baptized by Paul (1 Cor 1:14). Paul clearly intends to visit Rome in the near future (Rom 15:22), which is corroborated in Acts 19:21.

This would be during Paul's third missionary journey, during the three-month stay in Achaia mentioned in Acts 20:3. The date for Paul's return to Jerusalem therefore gives an indicator for the date of Romans. Paul probably arrived in Jerusalem sometime just before Pentecost in the early summer of AD 57 (Acts 20:16). This counts back over his two years imprisonment in Caesarea, which ended shortly after Festus succeeded Felix in AD 59. From this it can be deduced that Paul's three-month sojourn in Corinth was probably over the winter of AD 56-57.

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| A. | Paul Greets Rome as Apostle to the Gentiles              | 1:1-7   |
| B. | Paul is Anxious to Visit Rome to Share His Message       | 1:8-15  |
| C. | Paul's Message is One of Salvation through Faith         | 1:16-17 |
|    | 1.    The Power of God to Save is Revealed in the Gospel | 1:16    |
|    | 2.    The Righteousness of God Revealed through Faith    | 1:17    |