

Why Study the Book of Romans?

Augustine's life was changed by it.

Martin Luther marks his conversion to it saying, "Night and day I pondered until...I grasped the truth that the righteousness of God is that righteousness whereby, though grace and sheer mercy, he justifies us by faith."

John Wesley's own testimony is that after many years in ministry, he listened to a reading of Luther's preface to it and then Wesley said, "about a quarter before nine, while the speaker was describing the change which God works in the heart through faith in Christ, I felt my heart strangely warmed. I felt I did trust Christ, Christ alone for salvation..."

William Tyndale called it the principal and most excellent part of the NT and the most pure declaration of the Gospel.

John Calvin wrote, "If we have gained an understanding of it, we have an open door to all the most profound treasures of Scripture."

John Stott said it is a kind of Christian manifesto. It is the fullest, plainest, and grandest statement of the gospel in the NT.

But most of all because it is the Word of God to us!

Over the next few weeks, I'd like to give you an overview of this "pure," "profound" and "grand" statement of the good news of Jesus Christ.