Outline of Romans

I. The Gospel Reveals the Righteousness of God

1:1-7	Paul introduces himself and his mission
1:8-15	Paul expresses gratitude for the Romans and tells of his desire to visit them
1:16-17	Paul is unashamed of the gospel he proclaims

II. The Gospel Explained

A. Our Problem: We are not righteous; we have all sinned

1:18-32	We've suppressed the knowledge of God
2:1-11	We've done what we condemn others for
2:12-3:8	We have violated God's Law and our own laws
3:9-20	All of us have sinned. None of us is righteous.

B. Our (only) way out: righteousness by faith in Jesus

3:21-31	Jesus paid for our sins; faith in him brings us justification
4:1-25	Abraham demonstrates that we are justified by faith not by works

III. The Gospel Experienced

A. Certainty

5:1-11	Peace with God
5:12-21	Eternal life

B. Freedom from Slavery to Sin

6:1-14	Our position: dead to sin
6:15-23	Our choice: serve righteousness

C. Freedom from Bondage to the Law of Sin and Death

7:1-12	Our position: we have died to the Law
7:13-25	Our struggle: the law of sin and death

D. New Life through the Spirit

8:1-13	Living according to the Spirit
8:14-17	Assured of being God's child
8:18-25	Hope in suffering
8:26-30	Assurance in weakness
8:31-39	God for us

IV. The Gospel Defended

A. The Tension between God's Promises and Israel's Plight

9:1-29	Israel of the past: election

B. Christ is the Climax of Salvation History

9:30-11:10	Israel of the present: rejection

C. Israel has a Future

11:11-36	Israel of the future: salvation

V. The Gospel Lived Out

A. Adopt New Ownership and a New Pursuit in Life

12:1-2	Become a living sacrifice and pursue God's will

B. Adopt a New Self-Concept

12:3-8	Think soberly and serve others

C. Let All Your Relationships Demonstrate Love

12:9-21	Live life guided by love

D. Relate to Secular Authority with Submission and Respect

13:1-7	Submit to civil authority like you are submitting to God

E. Follow the Prime Directive: The Law of Love

13:8-10	Always do what love would do

F. Live in the Light

13:11-14	Leave the works of darkness behind

G. Live in Unity

14:1-23	Don't judge other believers
15:1-13	Accept all other believers

VI. Closing

A. Paul's Ministry and Travel Plans

15:14-33	His plan to visit Rome, then travel to Spain

B. Greetings

16:1-16	Greetings

C. A Warning, a Promise, and a Prayer for Grace

16:17-20	Warning, promise, prayer

D. Final Greetings and Doxology

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