



**Why Romans?**  
*Romans 1:16-17*  
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## The Problem in the Church at Rome

- Paul wrote this letter to address the racial, religious, social, and cultural tensions that existed between the Jew and Gentile Christians in the church at Rome.

## The Purpose of Paul's Letter to the Church at Rome

- God is just/impartial and shows no distinction between Jew and Gentile; Jews and Gentiles are equal in God's sight. (ch. 1-11)
  - God's just impartiality is revealed in the fact that Jew and Gentile are both condemned under God's judgment. (1:18-3:20)
  - God's just impartiality is revealed in the fact that all who believe – both Jew and Gentile – are justified by God through faith in Christ. (3:21-11:36)
- The reality of God's just impartiality should cause Jew and Gentile Christians to not think too highly of themselves, but instead to humbly accept one another. (ch. 12-16)

## The Relevance of Romans for Our Lives Today

- Romans is going to teach us rich, sound theology.
- Romans is going to remind us that no race is superior or inferior to another; instead, all are equal in God's sight.
- Romans is going to challenge us to humbly accept, bear with, yield to, and love those within our church who have different convictions and preferences than we do.

# Welcome to Cross Fellowship Church!

We are grateful that you have come to worship with us today and pray that you feel welcome. If you have any questions about our church, the service, sermon or anything else, we would love to talk to you! Stop by the Welcome Table in the lobby or talk to one of the elders. We also encourage you to complete a Visitor Information Card at the Welcome Table or online at [crossfellowshipchurch.org/connect](http://crossfellowshipchurch.org/connect).

## Order of Service

**Call to worship:** Psalm 86:8-10, 12

“This is Our God”

### Baptism

“Death Was Arrested”

“Come Behold The Wondrous Mystery”

### Prayer

**Sermon:** Hosea 14:1-9

“Jesus Messiah”

**Partaking of the Lord’s Supper**

**Prayer and Benediction**

## Announcements

### Welcome New Church Members

We’re excited to officially welcome Grace Pike and Jesus Lucero to our church family! We’ll affirm them as members together next Sunday during the Worship Gathering.

### Jordan Potluck Prayer Night

*Saturday, July 25 / 5:30 p.m. / The Barracloughs’ House*

Join us to hear from Boo and Courtney Geiger about their upcoming plans and to pray for them and the people of Jordan. Feel free to invite friends and family. Please bring a dish to share, and RSVP to Amber at 913-832-6997.

### Prayer Gathering

*Sunday, Aug. 9 / 4-5:30 p.m. / DoubleTree Hotel*

Make plans to join us for our next church-wide Prayer Gathering. During our time together, we’ll pray for one another and our church, and hear specific testimonies of how God is at work in the lives of some of our members.

## Elders

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## Discipleship Communities

Our Discipleship Communities (DCs) provide leadership, community, encouragement, and accountability as we live as disciples who love God supremely, one another humbly, and the world sacrificially. For more information or to join a DC, visit [crossfellowshipchurch.org/dc](http://crossfellowshipchurch.org/dc).

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- Give through the Church Center app (iPhone and Android).
- Give online or see other giving options at [crossfellowshipchurch.org/give](http://crossfellowshipchurch.org/give).

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