

Preface

Romans is a difficult but rewarding study. Some of that difficulty comes from the baggage that has been handed down through time by scholars who came to the best understanding of Romans they could in their day and time. The distance from Paul and the church in Rome from our own time is another limitation that needs to be recognized. The biggest limitation may be our own human limitations. I often find the more I think I have come to understand something, the more questions I go away with.

I neither make any great claims of my own scholarship nor have I any delusions that this is the last word on Romans. There is much more in Romans than this material could possibly address and more than I know to say.

I have been blessed by the scholarship of those listed in the bibliography. More importantly, Dr. Brandon Fredenburg, Dr. Rodney Thomas, and Dr. Ethan Brown have been a blessing to me in this study. Their insight, questions, and input have been invaluable. Not only did Dr. Fredenburg aid me in my study and in editing the document, he also contributed to the wording of some portions of the document. I would hate to think what the final product would have looked like without their challenges, input and editing. They need a great deal of thanks for the best that this study offers and no blame for the limitations of this study.

I have learned more about the love and faithfulness of God than I had known before and hope those who read this document will as well.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Starcher".

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