The epistles are given canonologically not chronlogically

**Roman’s Structure**

**1:1-8:39** (dead and risen with Christ) This is the basic doctrine to the church. It revealed what sin is, the results, how to handle sin, born again and then what to do afterwards.

**1:1-6** Introducing the subject of God’s Gospel

**1:7-15** Epistolary (speaking to you by letters) (15:12-16:24 is in inverted order)

1:7-8 Salutation

1:9-10 Prayers (His for them)

1:10-13 Journey

1:14-15 Ministry

**1:16-8:39** Doctrine (Primary material for understanding the mystery)

1:16-5:11 Product of sin-fruit-natural condition of man in the flesh-what Christ is for us-nature of man-Changed by renewed mind-standing

1:16-17 power of God

1:18 wrath of God (revealed to Jews and Gentiles)

1:19-3:20 wrath of God described

1:19-20 God’s power known

1:21 glory of God rejected (corrupted)

1:21 Consequence -mental corruption

1:22-23 Glory of God degraded

1:24 Body degraded & God abandoned

1:25 Truth of God degraded

1:26-27 Consequence-degraded bodily passions and God abandonment

1:28 Knowledge of God rejected

1:28-31 Consequence-mental corruption

1:32 God’s judgement known-man without excuse

2:1-3:20 Wrath of God is the context

3:20-5:11 Power of God described & set forth as imputed righteousness-what God did for us

5:12-8:39 Sin itself-the old nature-new position of man in Christ-change of standing only, not nature. What Christ is in us-change by birth

5:12 **the heart of Romans-reconciliation, justification, sanctification, identification-receive & Reign**

5:11-21 Sin, what happened, much more of grace that came-sonship rights; what Christ did; confess & receive spiritually; walk it authoritatively; receive, believe, reign

5:21-7:25 Chapters 6-7 is parenthesis. Explains 5:12-21 It makes a statement, asks a question, give a repudiation, and then gives the answer, 4 times

8:1-39 (tells us everything we have or could have)

8:1-4 no condemnation (in the renewed mind)

8: 5-15 led by the spirit

8:15-17 Spirit itself

8: 17-21 Sufferings & Glory

8:22-28 Spirit itself

8:29-30 Conformed to this image

8:31-39 Who condemns

**Chapters 9-16 Knowledge of God and His purpose in Christ (then Ephesians comes in “seated in the heavenlies”)**

**9:1-15:11** Practical or application of the doctrine of 1:16-5:11

9:1-11:36 To Isreal explaining God’s dealing with Jews and Gentiles in the OT

12: 1-15:11 To believers and explains practical application of the doctrine

**15:12-16:24** Epistolary

**16:25-27** Conclusion