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**QUESTION: "WHY IS THE BOOK OF ROMANS CALLED THE PRINCE OF BOOKS?"**

**ANSWER: "READ WHAT OTHERS HAVE SAID ABOUT THE BOOK"**

**CHRYSOSTOM** (347–407) (He was called 'The Golden Mouth') would have Romans read to him twice a week. So wonderful and powerful was the book.

**MARTIN LUTHER** (1483 – 1546) In his preface to the Epistle to the Romans he states "This epistle is in truth **the chief part of the New Testament** and **the purest gospel**. It would be quite proper for a **Christian, not only to know it by heart word for word**, but also to **study it daily**, for it is **the soul's daily bread**. It can **never be read or meditated too much or too well**. The more thoroughly it is treated, the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes. **In itself, it is a shining light, quite sufficient to illumine the whole scripture.**'

Luther goes on to say "In this epistle, you will find the greatest abundance of things that a Christian ought to know: What the law is, the gospel, sin, punishment, grace, faith, imputed righteousness, Christ, God, good works, love, hope. Cross-bearing conduct of ourselves toward the godly and toward sinners. Conduct of ourselves toward those of weak faith, friends, toward enemies and toward ourselves.

Moreover, all this teaching is taken from the scriptures and illustrated by Paul's personal example and by the example of the prophets, so that there is nothing left for us to desire. It seems therefore, that Paul's object in this epistle, was to draw up a syllabus of the entire Christian and evangelical doctrine, and to prepare an introduction to the entire Old Testament. For any person who has received this epistle into his heart has without question, the light and strength of the Old Testament in himself.

Accordingly, let every Christian become familiar with this epistle, and put it into constant practice. To this end, may God grant us his grace! Amen!"

**MELANCTHON** (1497 – 1560) – "Romans – the **compendium** (complete summary) of Christian doctrine"

**FREDERICK GODET** (1812 – 1900) the Swiss theologian called the Book of Romans “The **cathedral** of the Christian faith.”

**G. CAMPBELL MORGAN** (1863 – 1945) said of Romans “The most pessimistic page of literature upon which your eyes ever rested” and at the same time “the **most optimistic poem** to which your ears ever listened.”

**RICHARD LENSKI** wrote “Romans is beyond question, the **most dynamic** of all New Testament letters ...”

**COLERIDGE** (1772 – 1834) “I think St Paul’s Epistle to the Romans the **most profound** work in existence...”

**MATTHEW HENRY** (1662 – 1714) states in his Commentary on Romans that in the universe of ‘spiritual stars’, there are those that differ from the rest in magnitude and glory – in the Old Testament it is David’s Psalms and in the New Testament it is Paul’s fourteen Epistles, **the chief of which is Paul’s epistle to the Romans.**

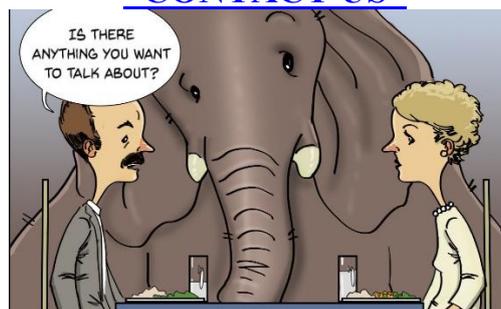
**ST PETER THE APOSTLE** wrote about **Paul’s letters** “As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are **some things hard to be understood** which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.” [2 Peter 3:16](#)

**DEAR READER – WHAT DO YOU SAY ABOUT THE BOOK OF ROMANS?**

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