

## Week 1

### Exercises

1. Paul deals with several related themes in Romans, as described in point 3 of the handout. Identify **which specific verse or verses introduce those themes** in Paul's introduction to his letter (Romans 1:1-17).
  - Justification by grace through faith
  - The role of the law
  - Sanctification and life in the Spirit
  - Christian relationships
  - Unity in the church, especially between Jews and gentiles
  - Righteousness of God
  - Gospel of Christ
2. **Why did Paul write Romans?** He appears to give one general reason in 15:15, but there are only hints in other parts of the letter. What other reasons for writing are hinted at in Paul's introduction (1:1-17) and closing words (15:14-16:27)? What do Williams, Morhew and/or other commentators think?
3. Paul introduces his thesis in Romans 1:17 by proclaiming that he was not ashamed of the gospel. **Why might one be ashamed of the gospel**, in Paul's time or in ours? What keeps us from being outspoken or persistent witnesses to the gospel?