

The Rhetorical Arrangement of Romans  
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| 1:1-12      | I.   | <i>Exordium</i> (“introduction”)  |
| 1:1-7       | A.   | Epistolary prescript: the inauguration of Paul’s communication with the Christians in Rome: sender, apostolic credentials, confession, address, and greeting              |
| 1:8-12      | B.   | Thanksgiving prayer and <i>causa</i> (“issue”): the announcement and rationale of Paul’s forthcoming visit.   |
| 1:13-15     | II.  | <i>Narratio</i> (“statement of facts”): the background of Paul’s missionary project   |
| 1:16-17     | III. | <i>Propositio</i> (“thesis,” “basic contention”): the thesis about the Gospel as the powerful embodiment of the righteousness of God                                      |
| 1:18-15:13  | IV.  | <i>Probatio</i> (“proof”): four proofs of the thesis and its implications for the Roman congregations   |
| 1:18-4:25   | A.   | First proof: The Gospel expresses the impartial righteousness of God by overturning claims of cultural superiority and by rightwising Jews and Greeks through grace alone |
| 5:1-8:39    | B.   | Second proof: Life in Christ as a new system of honor that replaces the quest for status through conformity to the Law  |
| 9:1-11:36   | C.   | Third proof: The triumph of divine righteousness in the Gospel’s mission to Israel and the Gentiles   |
| 12:1-15:13  | D.   | Fourth proof: Living together according to the Gospel so as to sustain the hope of global transformation  |
| 15:14-16:24 | V.   | <i>Peroratio</i> (“Conclusion”): an appeal for cooperation in missionary activities in Jerusalem, Rome, and Spain   |