

## SERIES: THE ROMAN ROAD

**United We Stand**

## ROMANS 1:8-17

I am most concerned for the unity of the local church based on our **constitution** which is the Word of God. *1 Timothy 3:15*

They will stand united as a local church if they **reject** those who cause **divisions**  
Romans 16:3-5, 17

**Romans 16:17**

Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and **avoid** them.

We will stand united if we **apply the doctrine** found in the book of Romans  
*Romans 16:17*

We can stand united when we accept that **change will happen** in the local church  
*Acts 18:1-2*

We will stand united as a church if we **accept God's gift** that provides stability  
*Romans 1:8-11; Romans 16:25*

What was this spiritual gift that would bring stability to the Romans? The **true gospel**  
*Romans 16:25; Acts 15:1-16:5*

**Acts 15:1**

Some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, **you cannot be saved.**"

**Acts 15:32**

Now Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets also, exhorted and **strengthened** [episterizo, to establish more] the brethren with many words.

Paul makes it clear we stand united when all of us humbly acknowledge the faith found only in the **true gospel**  
*Romans 1:12-17; Acts 1:9*

**Romans 1:12**

. . . that is, that I may be encouraged together with **you** by the **mutual faith** both of **you** and **me**.

**Romans 1:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> **For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ**, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, **for the Jew first** and also for the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it **the gospel** the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith." (Habakkuk 2:4)

"**The Gospel**" is what must be perfectly clear in order for the church to be firmly established and to stand united in a world that is in opposition to the truth of "**The Gospel**"