

## The Book of Romans What Does It Say?

Paul wrote more New Testament books than any other author. He wrote thirteen of the New Testament letters. The letters follow a customary order. First there is the name of the author or writer. Second comes a time of thankfulness unless it was a letter of concern or complaint. Third was the instructional part where the writers turned to teaching. At the end were personal greetings and news. Check out the letters in the New Testament and see if they follow the order described above, which is gleaned from *The Bible For Blockheads* by Douglas Connelly.

Paul wrote Romans for Christians who he had never met. At this point in his life, he had not been to Rome and would not get there for three more years. The letters were delivered to Rome by one of Paul's helpers, Phoebe.

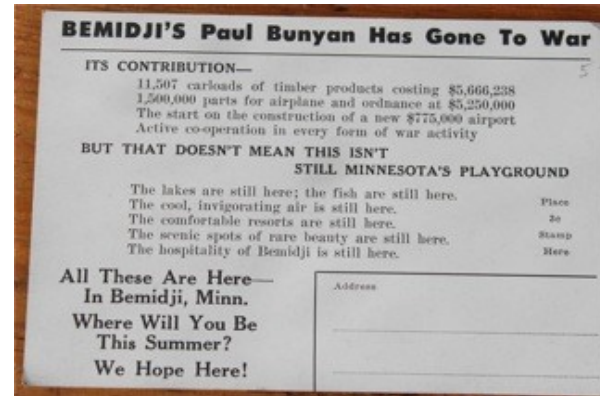


Photo: We get letters.

## Every Day with God

When Paul wasn't preaching or teaching, he was writing letters. He was writing letters to people he didn't know. There were Christians in Rome at the time, but no one knows for sure how they began. Paul is writing to reinforce what they know and to help them in any way he can. When Paul's letters arrived, they were used as a focus for worship. They were copied and sent on to other churches. I am sure they were of tremendous comfort to early Christians. Here we are, 2000 plus years later, and we have the fortune to read his letters and take comfort in what Paul said about Jesus, our Savior, many years ago.

**Prayer:** Thank you, God, for Paul's comforting letters.