ANCCI UNIVERSITY BS302 ROMANS

Instructor: Rev. John Mwaniki, B.R.S., M. Min., (Candidate Th. D Program -Pastoral Theology) Contact (cell 9784216998) E-mail <u>ezraministries.john@gmail.com</u>

RATIONALE

The book of Romans is the longest and most theologically significant of Paul's letters. It is the theological cornerstone of the New Testament. In this epistle, Paul elaborates theological topics touched upon in the four gospels: so much that it can be called the gospel according to St. Paul.

In this epistle to the Romans, Paul establishes the fact that God is righteous and contrasts God's righteousness with the wickedness of mankind. Man is helpless and can do nothing to save himself. God has a plan for salvation of mankind. This plan has two phases: one Specific plan for the Jews and second general plan for the gentiles.

While Paul has touched doctrine of election and predestination; he has deeply narrated two major doctrines of Christian theology: The doctrine of justification by faith in Christ alone and the doctrine of positional righteousness to practical righteousness.

OBJECTIVES

Students will engage in a rigorous verse by verse study of the book of Romans. The first objective is to determine the authorship, date and recipients of the epistle and establish its purpose. The second objective is to describe and evaluate the major theological doctrines in the epistle; and finally recognize and appreciate the practical Christian living as presented by Paul in the epistle.

STRATEGY

The book of Romans will be studied in the context of entire bible; relating its truth to both new and old testaments. Students will identify the key verses in the epistle and commit them to the memory, and recognize the major divisions of the epistle as follows;

- ➤ The writer of the letter (Chapter 1)
- The purpose of the letter (Chapter 2)
- Man's sinfulness and the redemption of God through Christ Jesus (Chapter 1-8)
- God's plan for Israel (Chapter 9-11)
- Practical Christian living.

REQUIRED TEXT BOOK

- New International Version of the Bible
- Romans by Dr Harley Howard (This book can be bought on line using the following website. www.fotbc.org/products.htm

EVALUATION

When the student is ready for the examination please contact the ANAS. All Nations Anglican Seminary system of grading will be employed.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER READING

Max Lucado, *Romans* Thomas Nelson, P.O. Box 141000, Nashville, Tennessee 37214 Copy right 2006