

**Series "How Great A Salvation"**  
**"Paul And The Gospel"**  
**Romans 1:1-7**  
**Study-1**

**The Author:** The Apostle Paul; Romans 1:1 – "Paul, a bond-servant of Christ"

**When Written:** 56-58 AD

**Where It Was Written:** Corinth, Acts 20:2-3, at the end of Paul's 3rd missionary journey, prior to his visit to Rome. Now 20 years later, he writes a letter.

Acts 19:21

**Written To:** Both Jews and Gentiles. Jews: Romans 2:17 – 4:25, Gentiles: Romans 1:13-13; 11:13.

**Who Planted The Church of Rome?** 3 Reasons for doubting Peter:

1. In the closing chapter, Romans 16, Paul mentions 35 names of those that he greets in Rome and Peter is not one of them.
2. Paul says that the aim of his life is to preach Christ where he has not been preached, Romans 15:20. If Peter had been there, he would not have gone.
3. Luke is a great historian and he leaves out Peter as the founder of the Church of Rome.

Most ascribe the Church of Rome as being a result of the Day of Pentecost, Acts 2:9-10; Acts 2:41. Rome was mostly Gentiles.

**This Letter (Epistle) was delivered by Phoebe** – Romans 16:1-2.

**Theme Of Romans:** "How Great A Salvation"; God's Plan – The Gospel which brings Salvation.

**Purpose: 3 Purposes for Paul's letter to the Romans:**

1. To inform the believers of Paul's coming to Rome (He would come in chains).
2. To impart the detailed truths of the Gospel Message (What is salvation).
3. To instruct regarding the relationship of Jew & Gentile to God & the Gospel.

**Key Words:** God – 153X, Law – 76X, Sin – 72X, Faith – 40X, Righteous – 40X in one form or another, Spirit – 34X.

**Key Chapters:** Romans 6-8 Gives the essence of the spiritual life.

**Key Passage:** Romans 1:16-17.

**Outline: Romans 1:1-17** – Greeting And Introduction: Verses 1-7 – The Address; Verses 8-15 – The Explanation; Verses 16-17 – The Theme.

Using the key passage Romans 1:17, you can outline the book: Taken from Habakkuk 2:4; Paul quotes in Romans 1:17.

- 1. Romans 1:18-3:20 – The Righteous Man.**
- 2. Romans 3:21-11 – By Faith.**
- 3. Romans 12-16 – Shall Live.**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** “Gospel Message Was Announced In The OT And Jesus Proved To Be The Son Of God Through The Resurrection.”

- 1. Verse 1 – Messenger Of God**
- 2. Verses 1-2 – Gospel Of God**
- 3. Verses 3-5 – Son Of God**
- 4. Verses 6-7 – Saints Of God**

### **1. Verse 1 – Messenger Of God:**

Romans 1:1 – “Paul” – Latin: “little, or small.” His name from birth was Saul – meant “proud.” Saul his Jewish name The for the first 9 years, then on the 1<sup>st</sup> missionary visit it was changed to Paul Acts 13:9. **Paul says 3 things about himself:**

- 1. Paul was “a Bond-Servant”** – servant – “slave” purchased on the slave market, one who serves out of love. Like Moses, Joshua called slaves!

Mark 10:45

- 2. “called as an apostle,”** – an apostle – is a “messenger or one sent” Paul was called by God to be an authorized representative, an official delegate, commissioned representative.

#### **2 Requirements:**

- 1.** Requirement of having seen the Lord – 1 Corinthians 9:1; 15:8-9.
- 2.** The call must come directly from the Lord – Acts 9:15.

He was called – Paul was not seeking after apostleship, he was not self-appointed.

3. **"set apart for the gospel of God,"** – consecrated by God. The term "set apart" – is equal or equivalent to the name Pharisee – set apart for the law

### **3 Separations in Paul's life:**

1. Was separated from his mother's womb, Galatians 1:15.
2. On the road to Damascus, was separated from the World, Acts 9.
3. At Antioch, was separated to the ministry and sent out, Acts 13:1-2.

## **2. Verses 1-2 – Gospel Of God:**

Romans 1:1 – "for the gospel of God,"

God Is The Source: "the Gospel of God" – "Good News, merry or glad news." Note: "of God" – "came from, or origin of God, good news about God."

Romans 1:2

A Gospel Promised In The OT Scriptures: "which He promised beforehand through His prophets." – Paul saw his message as an extension of the OT message, Isaiah 53; Daniel 7; Jews need to know it is not new.

"in the holy Scriptures," – The Scriptures are enough to teach all that a man needs to know, Luke 16:31.

Genesis 15:6; Psalm 32:1-2

## **3. Verses 3-5 – Son Of God:**

Romans 1:3

Jesus Is The Theme Of The Gospel: "concerning His Son," – Jesus' unique relationship to the Father.

His Humanity: "who was born" – made; Jesus was a man. "of a descendant of David" – This is called "The Davidic Covenant," 2 Samuel 7:16; Matthew 1:6; Luke 3:31; Acts 2:30; Revelation 5:5.

"according to the flesh," – Flesh – human nature; with its frailties; a human being, Galatians 4:4 – "But"

Romans 1:4 – "who was declared" – This word means "Horizon, the boundary between heaven and earth, mark out by sure signs."

His Deity: "the Son of God" – Jesus' Relation to the Father; It does not say "A Son Of God."

Jesus' Deity Is Seen Through His Power: "with power" – This is a reference to the miracles that he did, the displays of remarkable power.

Jesus' Deity Is Seen Through His Resurrection: "by the resurrection from the dead," – Who can raise the dead? Resurrection proved divine Sonship!  
John 2:18-22

Witness Of Deity Through Jesus' Holiness: "according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord," – The very holy nature of Jesus made Him stand out as divine.

"Holy" – root, the word "wholeness." Paul is saying that when Jesus came, He was a whole person.

Jesus: Humanity – identification with man.

Christ: Messiah – Anointed one.

Lord: Jehovah – Master.

Romans 1:5

Christ's Authority As The Channel Of Grace: "through whom we have received grace" – This word "grace" – is being used in the widest sense of God's favor. That is unmerited favor, salvation, guidance, wisdom, illumination and power to serve.

Romans 5:20

"and apostleship" – Paul was in amazement at the grace of God. Paul saw himself as one that was utterly lost and headed the wrong way,  
1 Timothy 1:12-16.

"to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles," – Paul's purpose in his commission was to bring "believing obedience," obedience to God's plan, Galatians 1:16.

To Jesus Be The Glory: "for His name's sake," – All is to bring glory to Him.

#### **4. Verses 6-7 – Saints Of God:**

Romans 1:6 – "among whom you also" – the Church of Rome was predominantly Gentile.

Called Of Jesus Christ: "are the called of Jesus Christ;" – Being called is the idea of being chosen of God, belonging to Him, His possession.

Romans 1:7

Beloved Of Jesus Christ: "to all who are beloved of God in Rome," – This is not speaking of their love but God's love for them, Ephesians 1:6.

Called To Be Saints: "called as saints:" – "saints" – saint – "set apart one's, holy one's." The term is used 66X in the Bible.

1 Peter 2:9

"Grace to you and peace" – Greeting in the form of a prayer; Notice the order of this blessing – Grace is always before peace.

The grace and peace God gives to his saints is proof of his love for them.

The word "grace" – stands for "all the empowerment and enrichment that God can give."

"from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." – If Jesus Christ is our Lord, then God is our Father!

### **Application:**

1. God Is The Source Of The Gospel. The Gospel Was Foretold In The OT Scriptures. Romans Contains 61 Quotations Taken From The OT.
2. Jesus Is The Theme Of The Gospel. Jesus' Deity Is Seen Through His Power, His Resurrection And His Holiness. Jesus Alone Is The Channel Of Grace.
3. Have We Been Called Out By God? Am I A True Believer? Do I Recognize Myself As Being The Property Of Jesus Christ?
4. The Grace And Peace God Gives To His Saints Is Proof Of His Love For Them.