

The Gospel for All!

Romans 1:1-17

A Grand Opening

1:1-7

- Romans was written on Paul's third missionary journey while he was in Corinth (~AD 57-59).
- Romans was written to churches throughout Rome rather than one specific congregation.
- In an honor-shame culture, Paul humbly describes himself as a servant of Jesus.
- Paul was given a position of honor in the church by God, not man.
- Gospel: The good news of Jesus Christ coming to the world to save us from sin by His death on a cross and resurrection three days later.
- All Scripture points to Jesus!
 - The Law: Given by God to Israel for pure living and worship.
 - Sacrifices: Made by Israel for forgiveness of sin so they could live at peace with God.
 - Prophets/prophetesses: Men and women sent by God to admonish Israel and proclaim the coming Messiah.
 - Jews/nation of Israel: People chosen by God in the Old Testament; awaiting their Savior.
- Jesus was fully God *and* fully man!
- Faith prompts obedience, and Paul wants knowledge of God to transform how we live.

Let your faith _____ you to obedience!

A Great Longing

1:8-15

- Paul wants to leverage his position to strengthen Roman churches and be encouraged by their faith.
- Paul desires for everyone to know Christ—both those with and without Jewish heritage!
- Out of humility, Paul recognizes the importance of the Church as a source of encouragement and strength.

Immerse yourself in Christian community for mutual _____.

A Glorious Gospel

1:16-17

- Paul is unashamed of how unfair the gospel is; it is undeserved grace for all of us!
- Righteousness: Being “right” with God; freedom from sin and guilt.
- Christ's perfect righteousness is given to all who believe in Him. We do not have to earn it or strive for His approval; God the Father is pleased with us in Christ.
- Justification: The action of declaring someone righteous in the sight of God.

Trust _____ in the finished work of Christ on your behalf.

Boundless Grace – Romans 1:1-17

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EXODUS 34:6-7 The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”

HEBREWS 9:22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

HEBREWS 9:25-26 Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

MATTHEW 23:37 “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!”