

*Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible*  
Current Book: Romans – Message 1

**2017 VISION: Prioritizing God**

## Scriptures for Today: Romans 1:1-7 – Introduction and Context of Romans

**Title of Today's Message: Separated unto the gospel of God – *Beloved and called to be saints!***

### INTRODUCTION

Today, we will introduce the book of Romans. My prayer is that the holy words of this blessed book through the Spirit of the living God would change us forever for God's glory and for the sake of the **GOSPEL** of our Lord Jesus Christ! Before we begin our verse by verse exposition, it is always important to get the context for the book. Rome was the recognized metropolis of the entire **WORLD**. It was at the height of greatness with a population of approx. 3 million people. Rome was unparalleled in luxury, wealth, and debauchery. And, it would become the seat of *the synagogue of Satan* – Rev. 2 and 3. This is the greatest and most complete book in the entire Bible concerning Christian doctrine. The book of Romans is the believer's absolute **AUTHORITY** detailing the doctrines of salvation, justification by faith, sanctification, adoption, judgment, identification with Christ, the relationship between Israel and the church in God's eternal plan, the Christian's victory over the flesh, our responsibilities toward other believers, and our relationship to our earthly government. Romans is perfectly placed between Acts (early church history) and the other church epistles as our administrative handbook to govern our church **DOCTRINE**. It stands on the threshold of the church epistles as **first!**

### FUNDAMENTAL INFORMATION

*Title Means:* **STRENGTH**; indicates power or energy; the main force

*Chapters:* **16**                      *Verses:* **433**                      *Words:* **9,447**

*Author:* **Paul** – Note: 1:1; 16:22

*Historical Time:* **57-60 AD** (*likely written from Corinth during the time of Acts 18-20*).

*Theme:*                      **The Revelation of the righteousness of God!**                      *Rom 1:17; 3:5; 3:21; 3:22; 10:3*

### THREE BASIC APPLICATIONS

1. *Historical*                      Paul writes to the **SAINTS** at Rome concerning the foundational truths of the Christian faith. He is complete and thorough in his doctrinal dissertation. He is unsure that he will resolve his problems with the Jewish leaders and Roman government in Jerusalem (Rom 15:30-32; Acts 21:4, 12, 14).
2. *Doctrinal*                      A complete and thorough exposition concerning our salvation, which is found **ONLY** through Jesus Christ ... God's righteousness is only attainable through our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans will stand forever as the anchor book defining the fundamental truths of the Christian faith. This will be the doctrine that will be eternally testified by His nail pierced hands – Isa 49:16.
3. *Devotional*                      Our need for God's righteousness ... how to **GET** it and how to **LIVE** after receiving it. Therefore, we use this book to lead a lost person to Christ. We then use it to teach ourselves and others how to live with the lost world and fellow believers, and how to properly represent Christ as citizens in our communities. We also use this book to demonstrate God's unending love and restoration of the nation of Israel.

**OUTLINE STRUCTURE / BASIC DIVISIONS**

- Chapter 1-3                      How *the gospel* relates to **SINNERS**.
- Chapter 4-8                     How *the gospel* relates to **SAINTS**.
- Chapter 9-11                    How *the gospel* relates to **JEWS**.
- Chapter 12-16                 How *the gospel* relates to **SERVANTS**. (what we all should be!!)

**MAPS**



**PREACHING NOTES**

1. Paul sends this blessed letter ... *To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be SAINTS...*

✓ Paul, a *servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.*

Acts 9:6                                      *“And he trembling and astonished said, LORD, what wilt thou have me to do?”*

Romans 6:22                                *“But now **being made free from sin, and BECOME SERVANTS to God...**”*

Galatians 1:15-16                         *“But when it pleased God, who separated from my mother’s womb, and called me by his grace, To reveal his Son IN ME, that I might preach him among the heathen”*

NOTE                                         Paul introduced this blessed letter to the Romans with how he viewed his privilege and responsibility. Jesus was his Lord! He had been called directly by God. And his life was separated for the purpose of preaching the gospel of God – it was his life and his joy!

✓ *To all that be in Rome, BELOVED of God, CALLED to be SAINTS: Grace to you and peace...*

1 John 3:1-2                                 *“Behold, **what manner of love the Father hath BESTOWED upon us, that WE should be called the sons of God ... Beloved, NOW are WE the sons of God...**”*

W1828 “Saint”                                A person sanctified; a holy or godly person; one of the blessed in heaven.

NOTE                                         What a thing it is to comprehend that WE have the privilege of being BELOVED of God! And, not just beloved, we have been CALLED by Him. And, not just called, we have been called to be SAINTS! We have been set apart from this world to God for His use and glory.