



Overview ...

The Truth - How it will set you free. Walking in truth and love, why a stable footing matters.

How we walk in the Gospel of peace – We require a new heart filled with the Holy Spirit.

Sharing the Gospel of peace - We need a clear understanding of the gospel. The Gospel message is Simple. We speak with compassion and by the power of the holy Spirit. There is only ONE Gospel.

Evangelist and Evangelism – Evangelist means “Messenger” and Evangelism is to proclaim the message. The message is the simple, unadulterated Gospel.

CONCLUSION:

PERSONAL EVANGELISM IS NOT ABOUT BEING PERFECT AND KNOWING EVERYTHING. IT IS ABOUT, LOVING PEOPLE, SHARING CHRIST FAITHFULLY, AND TRUSTING THE HOLY SPIRIT.

“GOD DOES NOT ASK US TO SAVE PEOPLE-BUT HE ASKS US TO BE A FAITHFUL WITNESS”.

Last Week ...

From Converts to Disciples – Matthew 28:19-20

Sharing the Gospel will inevitably produce new disciples, but that is a process.

GROWING BELIEVERS BECOME WITNESSES.

- A. Mature Believers help others grow.
- B. Disciples reproduce disciples.
- C. Evangelism becomes a life style.

“WHAT GOD TEACHES YOU PASS ON TO OTHERS.”

FROM CONVERTS TO DISCIPLES

1. Salvation is the beginning, not the end. 1 Peter 2:2
2. Jesus commanded us to make Disciples. Matthew 28:19-20
3. The Disciples must continue in the Word . John 8:31:32
4. Growing believers become witnesses. 2 Timothy 2:2

The Full Armour of God – Called for the Gospel

**Romans 1:1-6 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— 2 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures 3 regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, 4 and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. 5 Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. 6 And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. 7 To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:
Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Introduction

Paul's opening to this letter to the church in Rome follows standard letter-writing conventions of the day with some modifications.

Paul could have satisfied these conventions by saying simply, "Paul to the church at Rome, Grace to you and peace."

This greeting differs from the greetings of other Pauline epistles, in part because his relationship with the church at Rome differs from his relationship with churches that he established.

We have four headings to guide us through
Romans 1:1-7

I. A Servant's Identity. V1.

II. A Savior- centred Gospel. V.2-4

III.A Global Mission. V5 – 6

IV.A believer's Identity. V7.

i. **A Servant's Identity. Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God**

A servant... an apostle: Paul's self-identification is important. He is *first* a **servant of Jesus Christ** and *second* **called to be an apostle.**

Here we see Paul acting out the teachings of Jesus in his life. **Matthew 20:25-27 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ²⁶ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever wants to be first must be your slave -**

ii A Savior- centred Gospel Romans 1:2-4 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

The gospel he promised beforehand

Jesus Christ our Lord

iii A Global Mission Romans 1:5-6 - Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake. ⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

Through him we received grace

Obedience that comes from faith

For his name's sake

Are called to belong to Jesus Christ

iv A believer's Identity. Romans 1:7 - To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

In one of my recent Daily Devotions, the subject was 'Fuelled by Faith from **Matthew 15:28**. Then Jesus said to her, "**Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted.**" And her daughter was healed at that moment.

Go to Him - because it's not the size of your faith that matters. What matters is the object of your faith: Jesus and Jesus alone."

We follow Jesus to return the love from our Father God, through Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit.

John 6:37 " All those the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away."

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

Conclusion

All of us who share the story of Jesus have times of discouragement when our listeners don't seem to hear. The apostle Paul knew that can happen. After explaining to the Galatians, the importance of planting and harvesting the gospel, he recognized that a Sower may grow tired. So, he challenged his listeners not to "become weary in doing good"

Galatians 6:9. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Dave Branon – Daily Bread

The Shoes of peace are not simply a covering for our feet. They also, guide us in the ways of God.

Peace is not passive but an active force just like grace love and mercy.

Peace in this context are not just for our inward encouragement, but for us to share with the world. That's what the Gospel is all about.

These shoes and the rest of the armour of God we can then pass on to others