

The Power of

ROMANS

The Gospel



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RESOURCES

Romans 1:1-7

¹Paul,



Paul Before His Conversion

- Also known as Saul
- Born in Tarsus of Cilicia
- Roman Citizen by birth
- Moved to Jerusalem to study under Rabbi Gamaliel
- Tentmaker by trade
- Guarded the cloaks of those stoning Stephen
- Entered homes to arrest men and women worshiping Jesus



Jewish Zealot & Enemy of the “Way”

Acts 9:1—30 (CSB)

¹Now Saul was still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord. He went to the high priest ²and requested letters from him to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any men or women who belonged to the Way, he might bring them as prisoners to Jerusalem.



Light on the Road to Damascus

Acts 9:1—30 (CSB)

³As he traveled and was nearing Damascus, a light from heaven suddenly flashed around him.



Heard a Voice & Lost His Sight

Acts 9:1—30 (CSB)

⁴Falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, “**Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?**”

⁵“Who are you, Lord?” Saul said.

“**I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting,**” he replied. ⁶“**But get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do.**”



Recruitment of Ananias

Acts 9:1—30 (CSB)

¹⁰There was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias, and the Lord said to him in a vision, “**Ananias.**”
“Here I am, Lord,” he replied.



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Jesus Pushes Back

Acts 9:1–30 (CSB)

¹⁵But the Lord said to him, “Go, for this man is my chosen instrument to take my name to Gentiles, kings, and Israelites. ¹⁶I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”



Healed, Filled, and Baptized

Acts 9:1—30 (CSB)

¹⁷Ananias went and entered the house. He placed his hands on him and said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road you were traveling, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”



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¹⁸At once something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized.

¹⁹And after taking some food, he regained his strength.



Saul in Damascus: Proclamation

Acts 9:1—30 (CSB)

...Saul was with the disciples in Damascus for some time.

²⁰Immediately he began proclaiming Jesus in the synagogues: "He is the Son of God."



Saul in Damascus: Transformation

Acts 9:1—30 (CSB)

²¹All who heard him were astounded and said, “Isn’t this the man in Jerusalem who was causing havoc for those who called on this name and came here for the purpose of taking them as prisoners to the chief priests?”



Saul in Damascus: Undefeated

Acts 9:1—30 (CSB)

²²But Saul grew stronger and kept confounding the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.



Saul in Damascus: Threat & Escape

Acts 9:1—30 (CSB)

²³After many days had passed, the Jews conspired to kill him, ²⁴but Saul learned of their plot. So they were watching the gates day and night intending to kill him, ²⁵but his disciples took him by night and lowered him in a large basket through an opening in the wall.



Saul in Jerusalem: Disciples' Fear

Acts 9:1—30 (CSB)

²⁶When he arrived in Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, since they did not believe he was a disciple.



Saul in Jerusalem: Barnabas' Help

Acts 9:1—30 (CSB)

²⁷Barnabas, however, took him and brought him to the apostles and explained to them how Saul had seen the Lord on the road and that the Lord had talked to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken boldly in the name of Jesus.



Saul in Jerusalem: Undefeated

Acts 9:1—30 (CSB)

²⁸Saul was coming and going with them in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. ²⁹He conversed and debated with the Hellenistic Jews, but they tried to kill him. ³⁰When the brothers found out, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

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2 Samuel 18:19

“Now Ahimaaz son of Zadok said, ‘Let me run and take the news [Hebrew– wa’ăbaśśērâ; Greek– euangelizō] to the king that the Lord has vindicated him by delivering him from the hand of his enemies.’ ”

Moo, D. J. (2018). The Letter to the Romans

Isaiah 52:7

Romans 10:15: “How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news [Hebrew– mebaśśer; Greek– euangelizomenou], who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings [Hebrew– mebaśśer; Greek– euangelizomenos], who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’ ”

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¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle
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⁷To all who are in Rome, loved by God, called as saints.
Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.



When – Where – Why

- In Corinth – @ 57 AD
- End of the Third Missionary Journey (25yrs)
 - 1st – 46–48 AD 2nd – 49–52 AD 3rd – 53–57AD
- Gal. 49 – 1& 2 Thess. 51 – 1 Cor. 54 – 2 Cor. 55 – Romans 57
- Between plans (Jerusalem – Rome – Spain)
- We do not know the origins of the church (Acts 2:10)
- Longest Letter – Least Occasional – Internal Logic
- Written as Jews were returning to Rome after being expelled by Emperor Claudius in 49 AD
- Main Issue: Jewish vs. Gentile Unity

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TRINITY!

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As Karl Barth puts it, “Faith is not obedience, but as obedience is not obedience without faith, faith is not faith without obedience. They belong together, as do thunder and lightning in a thunderstorm.”

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Heart of the Gospel – High Christology

Who Jesus Is

Son of God

Promised Messiah

(seed of David)

Activity of Jesus

Powerful Son

Resurrected

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