

TRANSFORMED · ROMANS

Women's Bible Study – Teaching



Lesson 1 | Romans 1:1-17

Introduction to Romans

Name: _____

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PREPARE YOUR HEART

Pray for the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom, insight, and understanding as you study this passage. Begin by reading the full text below before working through the questions.

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Romans 1:1

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God

1. a) In v1, how does Paul, the author of Romans, identify himself? b) Why might it be important that he identifies himself this way (versus by his profession or family)?

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2. a) What do we learn in v1 about being an apostle? See also 1 Cor 1:1. b) How is Paul “set apart”? See Acts 9:15-16.

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SCRIPTURE FOCUS

Romans 1:2-3a

the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures 3 regarding his Son...

3. a) In v2, Paul teaches us some basics he wants us to know about the gospel: Where do we first hear about the gospel? b) Who is the gospel primarily about? See v3.

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Romans 1:3-4

...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.

4. a) According to vv3-4, what are two of the more important things about Jesus that Paul wants us to know? b) Why is it important to you to know Jesus as both? c) What happened to Jesus that seals/authenticates his deity (i.e., that he's God), power, and Lordship? See also Acts 2:24.

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Romans 1:5-7

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.

5. a) According to vv5-6, to whom has Christ called Paul to minister? See also Acts 9:15. b) What, in v5, is Paul to call them to? c) Does this phrase strike you as odd in any way, and why??

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6. a) According to v7, who else is part of Paul's intended audience? b) Other than the Gentiles, who specifically might that audience be? c) Has Paul ever visited the church in Rome up to this point? (Skip ahead to vv10b & 13 to answer this.)

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Romans 1:8-13

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. 9 God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you 10 in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you. 11 I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong – 12 that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. 13 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

7. Read vv8-13. a) What are some of the ways Paul expresses his pastoral, shepherding heart? b) In terms of placing yourself under the spiritual leadership of others, how might Paul's example help you to know what you ought to be looking for?

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Romans 1:14-17

I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. 15 That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. 17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

8. Paul has already mentioned the gospel 3X in the opening to this letter to the Romans (vv 1, 2, and 15). a) According to vv16-17, why is he so excited about it and eager to preach it? b) How should his perspective of the gospel affect how we feel about it – and how we wield it as our lives intersect with those around us?

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9. In verse 17a, what is so beautiful about how the gospel becomes known to us?

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