

Roamin' Thru Romans

A detailed study/analysis of the Book—Sunday Night Series

Romans 1: Part 4

This first chapter of Romans is introductory. It sets the stage for the rest of the epistle.

Romans 1 may be divided into four major parts as follows:

- A. The Greeting to Saints (Romans 1:1-7) (Completed)
- B. The Goal of Sojourning (Romans 1:8-15) (**Today**)
- C. The Gospel of Salvation (Romans 1:16, 17)
- D. The Guile of Sinners (Romans 1:18-32)

Introduction – Review from last Message:

A. The Greeting to Saints

Romans 1:1-7

1. The Sender of the Epistle (Romans 1:1, 5)

"Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God" (Romans 1:1).

2. The Subject of the Epistle (Romans 1:1-4)

The main theme of the epistle of Romans is mentioned here in a brief appendage to Paul's calling.

The Salvation in the Subject. "Gospel of God" (Romans 1:1).

Subject: The Goal of Sojourning

Scripture Reading: Romans 1:8-15

Paul's goal was to sojourn in Rome—"to come unto you" (Romans 1:10)—to minister to the people there.

He did indeed visit Rome but under far different circumstances than he expected, for he came to Rome as a prisoner.

1. The People in His Goal (Romans 1:8, 9)

- A. *The thankfulness for the people.* "I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all" (Romans 1:8).

We can all thank the Lord for Christians wherever they are.

- B. *The testimony of the people.* "Your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world" (Romans 1:8).

The believers in Rome had quite a testimony for Christ.

- C. *The talking about the people.* "Without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers" (Romans 1:9).

Paul not only preached to people (talked to people about God), but he also prayed about people (talked to God about people).

2. The Petition for His Goal (Romans 1:10)

Paul's desire to come to Rome was bathed in prayer.

- A. *The ardency in the petition.* "Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey" (Romans 1:10).

The earnestness of Paul's prayer is seen in our text.

B. **The approval in the petition.** "By the will of God" ([Romans 1:10](#)).

Paul submitted to the will of God regarding his request to go to Rome.

3. **The Passion in His Goal** ([Romans 1:11](#))

"For I long to see you" ([Romans 1:11](#)).

Paul wanted to be with the saints.

4. **The Profit in His Goal** ([Romans 1:11, 12](#))

The profit of Christian fellowship is a **two-way street**, that is both Paul and the saints of Rome would profit from his visit.

- A. **The profit for the saints in Rome.** "That I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established" ([Romans 1:11](#)).
- B. **The profit for the servant in Rome.** "That I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith" ([Romans 1:12](#)).

Paul's profit from fellowship with the saints in Rome is detailed here.

If you want to be encouraged to walk in the faith, fellowship with God's people.

Fellowship with the world encourages worldly thinking while it discourages faith.

We will end here this morning and resume tonight.

Closing: Do you know this Jesus Paul was so excited to preach about?

Are you excited about the fellowship with other believers?

Are you praying regularly for them?

Tonight:

5. **The Preventing of His Goal** ([Romans 1:13](#))

"I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, but was let hitherto" ([Romans 1:13](#)).

A. **The presence of opposition.** "Was let hitherto."

The word translated "let" means to prevent, forbid, hinder.

B. **The persistence despite opposition.** "Oftentimes I purposed to come unto you."

Paul never gave up but "oftentimes" planned to go to Rome.

We must not quit when opposition hinders our work.

6. **The Purpose of His Goal** ([Romans 1:13](#))

"That I might have some fruit among you" ([Romans 1:13](#)).

Paul had a noble goal for coming to Rome.

7. **The Prompting of His Goal** ([Romans 1:14](#))

"I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" ([Romans 1:14](#)).

8. **The Preparation for His Goal** ([Romans 1:15](#))

"As much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also" ([Romans 1:15](#)).

The word "ready" gives us at least two thoughts.

A. **Paul's Readiness.**

Paul had things ready to leave for Rome.

B. **Paul's Eagerness.**

The word translated "*ready*" also involves eagerness to go immediately.

[**Illus**] "At the outbreak of the Indian Mutiny, Lord Clyde... when asked how long it would take him to get ready to start for India, is said to have replied, 'I am ready now'" (Griffith Thomas).

That expresses the spirit of this "*ready*" in our text—prepared in readiness and eagerness.

Closing: So, we will stop here for today!

Do you know this Jesus that the Book of Romans so clearly teaches us about?

If not, will you accept Him today?

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