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The Book of Romans

Introduction and Romans 1:1-7

Romans at a Glance

- Written by Paul in 57 AD
 - Paul's longest letter (7,114 words)
 - Sixth of the 13 letters attributed to Paul
 - He had yet to visit the church in Rome
 - He hoped to visit Rome on his way to Spain
 - His best laid plans went awry, and his 1st visit was in chains
 - He was martyred during his 2nd visit (64-68 AD)
 - Roman church was already well-established
 - No one knows how the church began (Acts 2:10)
 - Romans mentioned 26 individuals and two families
 - Phoebe delivered the letter to the church at Rome

SAUL OF TARSUS, A PHARISEE
PAUL APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES
OFFICIAL REP. OF JESUS
TORAH & TRADITION → **BECOMES** → **RADICAL!**
 OCCASIONALLY WROTE LETTERS

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

PAUL'S FULLEST EXPLANATION OF THE GOSPEL, THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS' LIFE, DEATH, & RESURRECTION

THE GOSPEL... 1-4 ...REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

1-17 THE GOSPEL: IS GOD'S POWER TO SAVE PEOPLE REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

THE RISEN JESUS IS KING OF THE NATIONS

① HE ALWAYS DOES WHAT IS **JUST & RIGHT**
 ② HE IS **FAITHFUL** TO HIS PROMISES

1:18-32 ALL NATIONS ARE TRAPPED | **2:1-3:8 ...ISRAEL IS TRAPPED TOO!**

SIN | **IDOLATRY** | **SIN** | **IDOLATRY**

GUILTY! | **MORE GUILTY!**

3:9-26 BUT...GOOD NEWS! ...SO WE COULD BECOME WHAT HE IS.

JESUS BECAME WHAT WE ARE... | **TRAPPED & GUILTY**

JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH TO DECLARE RIGHTEOUS

NEW STATUS: RIGHT WITH GOD & FORGIVEN
 NEW FAMILY: INCLUDED IN GOD'S PEOPLE
 NEW FUTURE: TRANSFORMED LIFE

"IN CHRIST"

4 WHO IS IN GOD'S COVENANT FAMILY?

ALL NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED THROUGH YOU & YOUR OFFSPRING

DECLARED RIGHTEOUS BY HIS **FAITH** IN GOD'S PROMISE (GENESIS 15:6)

THOSE WHO HAVE FAITH IN THE ONE WHO FULFILLED GOD'S PROMISE (GENESIS 12, 15)

THE CHURCH OF ROME (SEE ACTS 18:1-2)

EMPEROR CLAUDIUS | NON-JEWISH | JEWISH | JEWS EXPELLED

5 YEARS LATER

WE ARE FREE IN CHRIST! | UN-WHAT?! | ON YOU'RE BACK AGAIN!

BLASPHEMY!!! | YOU MUST EAT KOSHER! | YOU NEED THE SABBATH! | YOU NEED TO BE CIRCUMCISED.

WHAT, WHAT... I WANT YOU TO BE UNIFIED!

GENTILE CHRISTIANS | JEWISH CHRISTIANS

5-8 ...CREATES A NEW HUMANITY

5 JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH CREATES NEW HUMANITY

SIN | **ADAM "HUMANITY"** | **JESUS "THE NEW ADAM"**

SLAVERY | GOD'S JUDGMENT | DEATH | LOVE | OBEYANCE | LIFE

6 DEATH | **BAPTISM** | **NEW LIFE!**

WE ARE JOINED TO JESUS (WHAT'S TRUE OF HIM IS TRUE OF US)

LIBERATED TO LOVE GOD & NEIGHBOR

7 WHAT WAS THE POINT OF THE LAW?

THE STORY OF THE TORAH (TORAH) | THE 613 COMMANDS GIVEN THROUGH MOSES

GOD & SHOW GOD'S WILL

THE SOLUTION: JESUS & THE SPIRIT

LAW'S IMPROVEMENT | MESSIAH | SPIRIT

RENEWED CREATION!

LIBERATED TO LOVE GOD & NEIGHBOR

THE PARADOX IS THE POINT!

DON'T LIE | DON'T STEAL | LOVE OTHERS | DON'T COVET

MORE GUILTY!

9-11 ...FULFILLS GOD'S PROMISE TO ISRAEL

9 ISRAEL IN THE PAST

ETHNIC ISRAEL ≠ COVENANT MEMBER

GOD SELECTED A SUBSET OF THE FAMILY

ABRAHAM | ISHMAEL | ISAC | ESAU | JACOB

THE GOLDEN CALF | PHARAOH'S REBELLION

PEOPLE'S REJECTION ACCOMPLISHES GOD'S PURPOSES

JESUS REJECTORS | JESUS FOLLOWERS

MY PEOPLE, ISRAEL!!

10 ISRAEL IN THE PRESENT

COVENANT RELATIONSHIP BASED ON LAWS

NEW COVENANT FAMILY BASED ON FAITH

11 ISRAEL IN THE FUTURE

IS GOD DONE WITH ISRAEL?

A: NO!

JEWISH & GENTILE FOLLOWERS OF JESUS

REJECTORS OF JESUS

ONE DAY, JESUS WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY HIS PEOPLE. (HOSSEA 3:5)

GOD'S COVENANT FAMILY

SOME GRAFTED ON | SOME BROKEN OFF

SUMMARY OF CHS 1-4

- ALL HUMANITY IS TRAPPED IN SIN & NEEDS TO BE RESCUED
- RESCUE WON'T HAPPEN BY TRYING TO OBEY THE LAWS OF THE TORAH
- GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS HAS RESCUED THE WORLD THROUGH JESUS...
- ...TO CREATE THE FAITH-BASED, MULTI-ETHNIC FAMILY OF ABRAHAM

12-16 ...UNIFIES THE CHURCH

12-13 UNIFYING THROUGH LOVE & FORGIVENESS

SERVING ONE ANOTHER | HUMILITY & FORGIVENESS

TEACHING | GIVING | I'M SORRY, I'VE BEEN A JERK.

Love fulfills the **TORAH**

14-15 SHOW GRACE TO EACH OTHER ON NON-ESSENTIAL ISSUES

HEALING ETHNIC DIVISION

GENTILE | JEWISH

16 HONOR PHOEBE! ...SHE'S LEGIT!

PHOEBE? WHEN?

SAY HI TO THE GANG!

ROMANS

Romans 1:1-7: The Main Players

- Paul
 - Known throughout the Roman Empire as an apostle, evangelist, and church planter
 - Arguably the most influential person in the New Testament other than Jesus
- The Roman Church
 - Jewish and Gentile believers
 - Fractures over non-essentials

Romans 1:1-7: Setting the Stage

- Romans 1-11 establish doctrine
 - Our inability to save ourselves through the Law & our need for a Savior
 - God's sacrifice of Jesus on the cross to justify us
 - Our acceptance of Jesus as Lord and Savior and the beginning of sanctification
 - God's promise to Israel and how the Gentiles are integral to that promise
 - The goal: a unified Roman church!

Romans 1:1-7: Setting the Stage

- Romans 12-16 establish practical application
 - How love and grace work together to bring unity and peace among believers
 - How we are to conduct ourselves as citizens under authority
 - How we are to treat a struggling brother or sister
 - How to have the same attitude toward each other that Christ has toward us
 - Paul's plans to visit Rome
 - Paul's gratitude to the men and women who supported his ministry

Romans 1:1-7

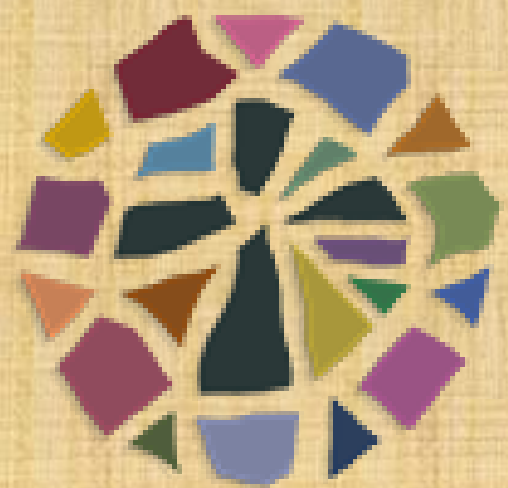
Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the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

Observations

- Paul knew his new identity (Romans 1:1)
 - Philippians 3:5-9
- Paul knew the prophecies were fulfilled in Christ (Romans 1:2-4)
 - Acts 13:26-33
- Paul knew his mission (Romans 1:5-6)
 - Acts 9:15
- Paul greeted fellow believers the same way
 - “Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ”
 - Paul ordered the words in his greeting to have spiritual significance to the church
 - Greetings in letters were customary, but he infused his with Christian character

Takeaways

- Know your identity is in Christ
- Know your mission
- Give grace as you have been given grace, and you will be a peacemaker



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