

The Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ
A Survey of the Book of Romans
Paul Introduces Himself and His Mission

Who is this Paul Guy?

Romans 1:1-2

- **First**, Paul is a Servant/Slave of Jesus Christ
- **Then**, He is the Apostle to the Gentiles

What's the Situation in the Church at Rome?

Romans 1:7

- Jewish – Gentile Struggles in the Church of Rome
- Claudius' Edict in 49 AD and the Ensuing Results

A Walk Through Paul's Introduction

The Foundation of the Gospel is the Person of Jesus Christ

Romans 1:3-6; Ezek. 36:22-23

- His Relationship to Humanity
- His Relationship to God

Paul's Mission: The Obedience of Faith

Romans 1:5-6, 16:25-27

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Digging Deeper into Romans 1

Read Romans 1:1-17

1. Discuss the meaning and significance of the two descriptive terms Paul uses to identify himself in verse 1.
 - ***Servant/Slave*** (compare translations)
Would we live differently if this was the primary way we saw ourselves?
 - ***Apostle*** (. . . to the gentiles) See 2 Cor. 4:14-15

Are we set apart to something specific, or is that just for Apostles?

2. Read Romans 1:3-6 and discuss the questions below.
 - Paul says that his work of spreading the Gospel among the nations is for the sake of Christ's name. How does Ezekial 36:22-23 inform our self-centered Christian individualism that is so rampant today?
 - Why is it important that Jesus is related to David in his humanity and related to God in his deity? Does it really matter what a person believes about who Jesus is?
 - What does Paul mean by "the obedience of Faith" in verse 5? Does Romans 16:25-27 help answer this question?