

Study Questions: Romans 1:1-17

Rom. 1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called *as* an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, **2** which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, **3** concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, **4** who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, **5** through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake, **6** among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; **Rom. 1:7** to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called *as* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Rom. 1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world. **9** For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the *preaching of the* gospel of His Son, is my witness *as to* how unceasingly I make mention of you, **10** always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you. **11** For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; **12** that is, that I may be encouraged together with you *while* among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine. **13** I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles. **14** I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. **15** So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

Rom. 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. **17** For in it *the* righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

Study Questions (Rom 1:1-17):

1. List 3 phrases that describe Paul. (1:1)

- a.
- b.
- c.

What other information is revealed about Paul in the following verses?

Acts 9:1-19

Phil 3:4-6

2. What did God promise beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures? (1:1-2)

3. (P) What do the following Old Testament texts reveal about the gospel of God?

- a. Ps 22:1 (cf. Matt 27:46)
- b. Ps 69:9 (cf. John 2:17; Rom 15:3)
- c. Ps 118:22 (cf. Matt 21:42; Acts 4:11)
- d. Isa 28:16 (cf. Rom 9:33; 10:11; 1Pet 2:6)
- e. Isa 53:3-5; 10 (Matt 8:17; Rom 4:25; 10:16; Heb 9:28; 1 Pet 2:24-25)
- f. 2Sam 7:16 (Davidic Covenant) (cf. Rev 22:16)
- g. Isa 7:14 (Matt 1:23)

4. About whom does the gospel of God concern? List at least 3 descriptive phrases of God's Son. (1:3-4)

- a.
- b.
- c.

5. By what was Jesus declared the Son of God with power? (1:4)

6. What does Paul say that he and his companions received? For whose sake was Paul called to bring about obedience of faith among all the Gentiles? (1:5-6)

- 7. To whom is Paul's letter addressed? From whom does grace and peace come? (1:7) (A) Define "grace" and "peace". How has God's grace and peace been manifested to you?**
- 8. Who does Paul thank for "you all"? Why is he thankful? (1:8)**
- 9. How does Paul serve God? (1:9) (C) What is the gospel? (1 Cor 15:1-4)**
- 10. For what is Paul praying? Why does Paul want to see them? (1:10-12)**
- 11. (A) How could you pray for your spouse? children? spiritual family? What is your attitude and motive towards praying for others?**
- 12. Why does Paul want to see his brethren in Rome? (1:13) (A) Amongst whom are you desiring to sow spiritual seeds? What is your plan to obtain fruit among them? What is preventing you from doing this?**
- 13. To whom is Paul under obligation to preach the gospel? What word describes Paul's attitude towards his obligation to preach the gospel (1:14-15) (A) What is your attitude towards sharing the gospel?**
- 14. Of what is Paul not ashamed? (1:16) Describe the gospel in your own words. (cf. 1Cor 15:1-4)**
- 15. How is the gospel's power described? (1:16)**
- 16. Take a few minutes to memorize Rom 1:16 (theme verse of Romans). Write a prayer response to God, incorporating the truths of this verse.**
"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Rom 1:16).
- 17. What is revealed in the gospel? By what will the righteous man live? (1:17) (A) Define "faith". How can you live by faith?**
- 18. What do you learn about God in Rom 1:1-17? How could you apply this truth to your life?**

Write a prayer response to Rom 1:1-17: