

Chap 1:1-7



ROMANS

GOSPEL~ROOTED LIVING





Romans 1:1 The Gospel is “theocentric”

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

- Under the authority of His Lord (humility)
- Divinely sent messenger (authority)
- Prophetic purpose – (Is 49:1-2) & (Jer 1:4-5)
- Theocentric – θεός 153 times

Romans 1:2 The Gospel is “salvation historical”

² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,

- Culmination of prophetic promises
- Not something new
- Grounded in the OT

Romans 1:3-4 The Gospel is “Christocentric”

³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power...

- The Gospel is Christocentric
 - V3: Ontological – who he is, Eternal Son
 - V4: Functional – messianic office, Lord

Romans 1:3 – “Humiliation”

3 concerning his Son who was descended from David according to the flesh

- Son of God becomes a man
 - Messianic line of King David
 - Born of a woman

Romans 1:4 – “Exaltation”

4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord

- Son-of-God-in-power = Lord
 - Phil 2:5-11

Romans 1:4 – Work of the Holy Spirit

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- 1 Cor 2:14 & 2 Cor 3:18

Romans 1:5

...to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,

- “Inclusio” (book ends): also in Rom 16:26
- Goal – lead people to the obedience of faith

the obedience of faith

- Obedience involves / emerges from faith
- Faith is always accompanied by obedience
 - (James 2:18) & (Matt 23:18-20)
- *“Lightning and thunder”* – Karl Barth
- *We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves, is never alone* – Luther / Calvin

What does “*obedience of faith*” look like?

- Unbroken victory? Carnal Christian?
- Progressive growth with periods of failure



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⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations,

- Purpose of obedience: “glorify” Jesus Christ
 - “Glory” serves to bring people to salvation

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- Universal appeal

- *to the Jew first and also to the Greek (v16)*

Romans 1:6

6 including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

- Effectual calling – the Spirit woos you
 - *It is the Spirit who gives life (John 6:43)*
 - *For it is God who works in you (Phil 2:13)*

Romans 1:7

7 To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Decentralized church
 - Relational unity – Chapters 9-11 & 14-15

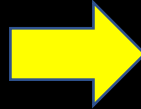
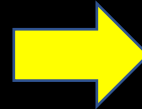
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- Plural – “set apart community of believers”
 - Eph 1:3-12

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⁷ To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Grace – God’s unconstrained benevolence
- Shalom – vertical  horizontal  internal
(Rom 5:1) (Rom 12:18) (Phil 4:6-7)

Romans 1:1-7

- Theocentric, Christocentric and Historical
- Two phases: “humiliation” and “exaltation”
- To the “obedience of faith”
- For all nations – universal appeal
- To which God calls us
- May His grace bring you peace

Have you received God's grace and peace?

- Positionally – don't "know" God
- Practice:
 - Finding success and some failures
 - Struggling w/obedience
 - Not struggling at all



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the sake of your tradition you have made void the word of God.
*You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:

- "This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me;
- in vain do they worship me,
teaching as doctrines the commandments of
men."¹⁰

What Defiles a Person

¹¹And he called the people to him and said to them, "Hear and understand: ¹²it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person." ¹³Then the disciples came and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" ¹⁴He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. ¹⁵Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁶But Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us." ¹⁷And he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁸Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? ¹⁹But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. ²⁰For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²¹These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."

The Faith of a Canaanite Woman

²²And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²³And behold, a Canaanite woman

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What does it mean the Gospel is “theocentric”?

- It is about God
 - Who He is
 - What He has done, is doing, will do
- Originates in the will of God
 - Father Plans – directing
 - Son carries out – spotlight
 - Spirit effectualizes – applies in our lives

V 3 & 4: two parts to His ministry on Earth

³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power...

- Jesus “humiliation” – phase 1
- Jesus “exaltation” – phase 2

Two most quoted messianic verses in the NT

*...The LORD said to me, "You are my Son;
today I have begotten you. (Psalm 2:7)*

*...“Sit at my right hand, until I make your
enemies your footstool.” (Psalm 110:1)*

- Investiture of messianic royal authority