

THE BOOK OF ROMANS  
Part 2 of 36 – The Gospel According to Paul  
Romans 1:1-17

1:1 *I was set apart for the gospel of God.*

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1. PAUL - THE MAN. Paul says three things about himself.

1. *a servant of Christ Jesus.*
2. *Called to be an apostle.*
3. *Set apart for the gospel of God.*

2. PAUL'S MESSAGE

V:2 *The gospel was promised beforehand though all the prophets in the holy scripture regarding His son who, as to His human nature, was a descendent of David and through the spirit of holiness, was declared with power to be the Son of God.*

"Gospel" means \_\_\_\_\_.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible. vs. 2 *The gospel was promised beforehand through the prophets in the Holy Scripture.*

He's talking about the Old Testament. The Gospel didn't start in the New Testament.

B. It is a \_\_\_\_\_. v. 3 *Regarding His Son, who as to His human nature, was a descendant of David.*

C. v. 5. *Through Him and for His name's sake we receive grace.*

It is a gospel of \_\_\_\_\_.

What does grace mean?

D. It's a gospel for the whole \_\_\_\_\_. v. 5-6 *Through Him and for His name sake we receive grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles and to the obedience that comes from faith. And you also are among those who are called and belong to Jesus Christ.*

3. PAUL'S MINISTRY

v. 7 *To all who are in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints, grace and peace to you from God and from the Father and from our Lord Jesus Christ.*

v. 8 *I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you.*

v. 9 *God whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son is my witness how constantly I remember you in my prayers all the time.*

v. 10. Paul says *I pray for you at all times and I pray that now at last, by God's will, a way may be open to come to you.*

v. 11-12 *I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong. That is that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.*

If we want to have a ministry need to do the four things that Paul did in these verses.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ people. Develop an attitude of affirmation.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ for people.
3. Do \_\_\_\_\_ you can to spend time with Christians.
4. Use your \_\_\_\_\_ gift.

v. 13 *I don't want you to be unaware brothers that I've planned many times to come to you but I've been prevented from doing so until now in order that I might have a harvest among you just as I have had among the other Gentiles.*

#### 4. PAUL'S MOTIVATION.

v. 14. *I'm obligated to both the Greeks and the non Greeks, to both the wise and to the foolish.*

v. 15 *I am eager to preach the gospel to you who are at Rome.* It wasn't a duty. Paul was totally committed to the gospel. He was eager and ready.

v. 16 *I am not ashamed.* Paul's talking about his \_\_\_\_\_.

v. 16 and 17 are the entire theme of the book of Romans. *I am not ashamed of the Gospel.* This is the gospel according to Paul. Why?

Three reasons why Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel:

- *because it is the power of God for salvation.*  
This word power is the Greek word from which we get our word dynamite.
- *because it is for everyone who believes, first for the Jew and then for the Gentile*
- *It is the power of God to everyone who believes*

v. 17 (clarifies 16) *For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written, the righteous shall live by faith.*

SUMMARY: Do the things that Paul did.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ your relationship to Christ. Paul says, "I'm a servant of Christ."  
Are you

2. Paul understood the \_\_\_\_\_. What is the gospel? It's about a person -- Jesus. He was 100% God and 100% man. God comes and works in our lives by grace. That's the gospel. And it's for everybody.
3. Recognize the importance of \_\_\_\_\_ people. You can't make it in the Christian life by yourself. You need other Christians.
4. Right \_\_\_\_\_ for sharing the gospel.