

# TO ROME WITH LOVE

Romans 1:1-7

- Paul is delivering the GOSPEL to the SAINTS in Rome under DIVINE CALLING
- The Gospel is...
  - ...FROM God (v. 1)
  - ...According to SCRIPTURE (v. 2)
  - ...About JESUS (v. 3-4)
  - ...Unto the OBEDIENCE of FAITH (v. 5)
  - ...In HONOR of Christ's NAME (v. 5)
  - ...For the NATIONS (v. 5-6)



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# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read some of Paul's other greetings, such as those from 1 Corinthians 1:1-2, 1 Timothy 1:1-2, or Ephesians 1:1 (Feel free to look at other Pauline greetings, as well). Now read Romans 1:1-7. What are the general similarities and differences between the greeting in Romans and the greetings in the other letters? Why might this be the case?
2. Paul states that he is a "servant," "called," and "set apart." What do these mean? Matthew 18:28-30, Romans 1:6-7, Romans 8:28-30, Exodus 39:30-31.
3. What is the difference between a disciple and an apostle? Which are we? Luke 9:1, Acts 1-21-22.
4. Read Romans 1:1-5. What aspect of Paul's description of the Gospel is the most striking to you? Why?
5. What does it mean to you that the Old Testament testifies to the Gospel? How does this impact your faith? Genesis 3:15, Ezekiel 36:25-27, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Romans 4:3, Genesis 15:6, Isaiah 9:6, Isaiah 53:6, 12.
6. Read Romans 1:3-4. Discuss what it means that the Gospel is about Jesus. How are the details that Paul gives relevant to the Gospel? What does it mean to make Jesus the Lord of our lives?
7. How do obedience and faith work together? Romans 1:5, Acts 17:30, James 2:17-18, Ephesians 2:8-9.
8. How can you preach a more complete Gospel in the future?

MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup> 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.

<sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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