

The Changed Life Part 1
Romans 1:1-7

The Title Of The Message: “The Introduction”

The Key Word: Jesus Christ

The Thought: We are called to be bondservants, called to reach out to the lost, and called to be saints.

The Breakdown:

Verses 1&5 Introduction To Paul

Verses 2-5 Introduction To Christ

Verses 6-7 Introduction To The Saints

The Background:

Romans 3:23

Romans 5:8

The author is “Paul”

Written from Corinth on Paul’s third missionary journey,

Written around the fall of 57A.D.

First for his coming

Second to establish them in the faith,

Third was to remind believers to live together in harmony.

Romans is a book of systematic theology...

The sinfulness of man

Justification by Faith

The death of Christ

The doctrine of Sanctification

The doctrine of Election

An explanation of what happened to Israel and its destiny

Spiritual gifts

Believers and their relationship to government

An explanation of Christ through out scripture

Theme: “Grace”

“The Changed Life”

Verses 1&5 Introduction To Paul

Romans 1:1, 5

Paul...

1st Paul is a bondservant of Jesus Christ.

2nd Paul is an apostle.

3rd Paul has been set apart.

4th Paul is a missionary to the Gentiles.

5th called by Jesus for all of this.

Bondservant...

“Bondservant” a slave of his own free will

“Doulos” = “to bind,” or “a slave,”

Originally “one who gives himself up to the will of another”

1 Corinthians 7:23 You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of men.

Romans 6:17 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered.

Romans 6:20 For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.

Common word for “Servant”

Deuteronomy 15:16–17

Apostle...

“Apostle” = “Apostolos” Literally = “One sent forth”

John 17:3

Luke 6:13

Luke 9:10

1 Corinthians 9:1 & 1 Corinthians 15:8.

Barnabas in Acts 14:4 and Acts 14:14

Andronicus and Junias in Romans 16:7

Two unnamed brothers in 2 Corinthians 8:23,

Epaphroditus in Philippians 2:25

Silas and Timothy in 1 Thessalonians 2:6

Separated to the gospel of God...

"God is the most important word in this epistle. Romans is a book about God. No topic is treated with anything like the frequency of God. Everything Paul touches in this letter he relates to God. In our concern to understand what the apostle is saying about righteousness, justification, and the like we ought not to overlook his tremendous concentration on God." -Leon Morris.

The key word "God" mentioned 153 times

That's an average of once every 46 words

Law 72 times

Christ 65 times

Sin 48 times

Lord 43 times

Faith 40 times.

Received grace and apostleship...

“We have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all the nations”

“Grace” = “Unmerited favor”

“Apostleship” = “Direction for ministry”

“Apostleship” = “Missionary work” = Literally “One Sent Forth”

Verses 2-5 Introduction To Christ

Romans 1:2-5

Which He promised...

Deuteronomy 18:15 “The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear...”

Isaiah 7:14 Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Immanuel.

Habakkuk 2:4 “Behold the proud, His soul is not upright in him; But the just shall live by his faith...”

Through Him we have received...

“If you’re only a student of theology or ecclesiology, you’ll miss the heart of ministry entirely. But if we really understand Jesus is risen and dwelling within us—that we can talk with Him, share our

concerns with Him, and fellowship with Him—our lives and ministry will be revolutionary!” -Jon Courson

John 15:4 (NKJV) Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

2 Samuel 7:12–13

John 10:17–18

Verses 6-7 Introduction To The Saints

Romans 1:6-7

Among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ...

Paul says Grace to you and peace...

Ephesians 2:8–9 (NKJV) 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

2 Corinthians 8:7 But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also.

Application:

1. Like Paul we have been called to go out into our community to live out the gospel in practical ways.

2. Like Paul we have been called to abide in Christ.

3. Like Paul we have been called to be saints, having peace with God because we have received the gift of grace He's given.