

# ROMANS: "Transformed by Grace"

(Rom. 1:1-7; Isaiah 53:4-6)

What's in a name? What does your name mean? What were you almost named? Most popular names

**Review:** If we understand Paul's letter to the Romans, we have a compass to navigate our way through the rest of Holy Scripture. = Most quoted OT passages.

**CONTEXT:** Paul writes this letter from **Greece** in 55AD (22 yrs after the Res. of Jesus).

-Romans is, it is **NOT** a systematic treatment/theology of the Faith = also practical

- **THEME: RIGHTEOUSNESS.** Righteousness is God's way for us to be in right **relationship** with Himself, People, and Creation. = **How are we sinners/enemies made in right rel. w/God?**

## Read Romans 1:1-7 (NASB)

Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, <sup>[a]</sup>called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> concerning His Son, who was born of a <sup>[b]</sup>descendant of David according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup> who was declared the Son of God with power according to the <sup>[c]</sup>Spirit of holiness <sup>[d]</sup>by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship <sup>[e]</sup>to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles in behalf of His name, <sup>6</sup> among whom you also are *the* called of Jesus Christ;

<sup>7</sup> to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as <sup>[f]</sup>saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. = **3 sets of NAMES in these first vss. Paul, Jesus, & YOU:**

Notice how Paul introduces himself & states *authority*. **3 NAMES/Titles Paul self-identifies:**

**Vs. 1:** Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, **(1. slave:** Paul knows his place = 1 Cor. 6:20; he was "bought with a price," **redeemed** (**murder - saved - missionary**) by Christ's blood & purchased for God and set apart to **holiness, hope/joy & a calling** for the gospel) = **Paul, Forgiven much!**

Paul (from the outset) = *I will be* about my Master's business = Christ is Lord/I am His slave

**\*It is the service of Perfect Freedom; deepest devotions; realized redemption; & perfected love**

-called as an *apostle*, **(2. Apostle** = 'one who is **sent**' = Church Planter). "**AS you go, make Disc.**"

-*set apart* for the gospel of God, **(3. Consecrated** called & set-apart (consecrated unto Christ &

FOR Christ's work -John 14:12 "Greater works than these will he do b/c I go to the Father."

-Gal. 1:15 Paul "But God who had *set me apart* even from my mother's womb and called me

through His grace." God had a purpose/plan for Paul's life. That through his spectacular

conversion (**murder of Church/persecutor of Jesus/enemy of God** – to salvation) such grace;

that God would take **Christ's greatest enemy and turn Saul into His greatest missionary =story**

**-READ Acts 26:16-18** "But get up and stand on your feet; for this *purpose* I have appeared to

you, to appoint you as a **servant** and a **witness** not only to the things in which you have seen

Me, but also to the things in which I will appear to you, <sup>17</sup> rescuing you from the *Jewish* people

and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, <sup>18</sup> to open their eyes so that they may turn

from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness

of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me."

**-What is God's plan for your life? What were you born for? Who will be in heaven b/c U?**

-*set apart* for the *gospel of God*. **God's gospel**/God's Good News. Why God's? It was God who first created us; God who loved us; God who sent His only Son to us; God who crushed Jesus

because of our sin; God who raised Jesus from the dead; God who seated His Son on throne =

This is **God's story/His Good News** for us! – enemies/sinners/helpless/lost/hopeless =gospel!

What is the Gospel? = Good news of salvation through Jesus Christ who God sent to save sinners like you and me. 1 Cor. 15:1-3) **The Gospel starts with:**

- A. **God** – Holy, Just, Loving. He created us for relationship, eternity.
- B. **Man** – We rebelled against God, sinned willingly, & stand in judgment for our sin.
- C. **Christ** – In God’s love, He sent Jesus to die on the cross, in our place, and He bore our sin and judgment. He died, was buried & God raised Him triumphantly on 3<sup>rd</sup> day – Jesus conquering sin, death, & hell for all eternity for all those who will trust in Him.
- D. **Response:** God calls us each to response to His offer of salvation – we are to **Repent** of our sin, **Ask** God for His mercy to save us, & by Faith, **TRUST** in Jesus as the only Savior.

**Would today be the day that you place ALL your faith & TRUST in Jesus to save you????**

**Vs. 2:** The Gospel which God promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures -Isaiah 53:1-11; Jeremiah 23:6; 33:16 (Jewish Messiah was promised, expected, & came =Jesus) Is. 53:4-6 “Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity (sin) of us all.”

**Vs. 3:** concerning His Son – God’s Son, who was born of a <sup>[d]</sup>descendant of David according to the flesh, -Jesus is fully **man**. Born to a woman (Mary); lived a normal life; **suffered, died, rose**

**Vs. 4:** who was *declared* the **Son of God** *with power* according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection from the dead, -Jesus is fully **God**. Sinless life. Miracles. **Resurrection=greatest mir.**

- by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Notice Christ’s NAMES:**

- 1. **Jesus** = Earthly name: *Joshua/God is salvation*) – Jesus is Fully Man!!
- 2. **Christ** = His title =The Messiah (the Anointed One of God) – Jesus is fully God!!
- 3. **LORD** = (Master) = His position of authority in your life. **Lordship, King over His Kingdom**

**Vs. 5:** This Jesus, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles in behalf of His name, = Calling to witness to all

**Vs. 6-7:** among whom **you** (the Church) also are *the called* of Jesus Christ; 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

Notice how Paul defines the Church (those who have been recipients of His grace & gospel salvation): **Notice your NAMES:** YOU Are:

- 1. **Called** (God chose you, called you to Himself -**Puppy/Adoption**. Called you His own (Eph 2:10)
- 2. **Beloved** (You are His because you are *loved*. 1 Jn. 4:10 “**This is Love; not that we loved God, but He loved us & sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins.**” – God’s love for us cost Him everything. Jesus died for us. He died for you because of His love of the Father and the Father’s love for you. His love means something. It is **unconditional. Sacrificial. Eternal!**
- 3. **Saints** (God’s Holy ones. Sanctified. Set-apart. Consecrated to God. Redeemed for Him)
  - You have been declared Holy/righteous (imputed by Christ’s righteousness)
  - You are being made holy/righteous daily, through sanctification
  - The Holy Spirit dwells in you, sealed you in redemption, fills you up, & anoints you

**APPLICATION:** What’s in a NAME? -If you were to describe one name that fits you ...?

-Have you identified what you were born for? Your purpose in Life? = **To glorify God & enjoy Him**

-What is your Calling in Life? (Married? Kids? Be rich? Important? Popular?) =**Make disciples!**