



GRACE-POWERED LIVING

A Study of the Book of ROMANS

GOOD NEWS FROM A DISTANT LAND
Romans 1:1-7

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Introduction: Today we delve into Paul's letter to the Romans and discover why the gospel of Jesus Christ is truly "good news."

I. The Messenger: Paul (Romans 1:1)

Romans 1:1 "Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God."

A. "Bond-Servant"

B. "Called as an Apostle"

C. "Set Apart for the Gospel of God"

II. The Message: The Gospel (Romans 1:2-7)

A. The Meaning of the Gospel

B. The Characteristics of the Gospel

Romans 1:2-7 ² which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, ⁴ who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake, ⁶ among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; ⁷ 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."

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1. **Described in the Old Testament**

Romans 1:2 “which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures.”

Luke 24:25-27 “²⁵ And He said to them, ‘O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶ Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?’ ²⁷ And beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.”

2. **Dependent on Jesus Christ**

Romans 1:3-4 “³ concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, ⁴ who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

a. **His humanity**

Romans 1:3 “concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,”

b. **His deity**

Romans 1:4 “who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

c. His Lordship

3. **Demands Obedience**

Romans 1:5-6 “⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name’s sake, ⁶ among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;”

4. **Demonstrates God’s Love**

Romans 1:7 “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.”

Conclusion