

#2 The Gospel of God

Romans 1:1-7 (ESV)

The Messenger and His Message

Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, ⁷ To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1. THE PREACHER OF THE GOSPEL: PAUL THE APOSTLE

- A. A servant of Christ Jesus
- B. A called apostle
- C. Set apart for the gospel of God

2. THE PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL: THE OLD TESTAMENT

3. THE PERSON OF THE GOSPEL: <u>JESUS CHRIST THE LORD</u>

4. THE PROCLAIMING OF THE GOSPEL: PAUL'S MISSION

- A. So Jesus will have for Himself a faith-filled, faithful people
- B. So Jesus' Name would be magnified and expanded throughout the world

5. THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL: <u>IDENTITY CHANGE</u>

Loved! Called! Graced! At Peace with God!

THE "ROMANS ROAD" TO SALVATION

Romans 3:10 – As it is written: "There is none righteous, no, not one."

Romans 3:23 – For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Romans 6:23 – For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 5:8 – But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 10:9-10 – ... that if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord!" and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:13 – For "whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved."

A PRAYER OF FAITH FOR SALVATION

Heavenly Father, thank You for the gift of life, and also for the gift of the opportunity to hear Your Good News proclaimed. I humbly admit to You that I know I am a sinner and have fallen far short of what you require. In my life I've broken your holy law many times. I hate my sins and I turn away from them. I long to be free of them and forgiven by You.

I've heard your Good News about Jesus, and in this moment I'm choosing to receive Your love for me by believing that Jesus Christ is Your Son, and that He died on the cross in my place in order to save ME from my sin. I also believe that He rose again to life, and is with You even now in heaven.

Because of what Jesus has done for me, I call upon You now to save me from my sins. I transfer my full trust and allegiance to my new Master Jesus Christ and Him alone. For His sake please have mercy on me. Forgive me of all my sins and give me eternal life and Your Holy Spirit, for these come only from You. And please give me Your strength to follow Jesus as Lord of my life from this moment on, because I now declare that JESUS IS LORD! Today I acknowledge that He is Lord of ME.

THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME! In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.