

# THE BOOK OF ROMANS

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO GRACE.  
THE FOUNDATION OF NEW TESTAMENT THEOLOGY.

## ROMANS 1:1-6

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## **“Called To Be – Part 4”**

The Gospel of Grace, The Foundation of New Testament Theology  
According to Grace By The Argumentation of the Apostle Paul

### SUBJECT TOPICALLY REFERENCED UNDER:

**Grace, Faith, Works, Paul, Law, The Spiritual vs. The Carnal,**

### Romans 1:1-6

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, CALLED TO BE an apostle, separated to the Gospel of God 2 which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. 5 Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, 6 among whom  
*(the nations of this world)* you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

“His divine plan is independent of time. Do not dream Christian that the ages have changed, so that in this day God cannot do his mighty works. Beloved, if you can conceive of an age that is worse than another, so much the more is it a fit platform for heavenly energy; the more difficult, the more room for Omnipotence to show Himself; there is elbow room for the great God when there is some great thing in the way, - some great difficulty that he may overturn.” – C.H. Spurgeon

## **“Called To Be”**

1.) A new man

vs. 1

### Verse 1

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ,  
called to be an apostle, separated *to the* Gospel of God

**A New Man “Called To Be”...**

**Separated to the Gospel OF God**

1a.) Under a greater authority

vs. 1a

1b.) With a greater commissioning

vs. 1b

1c.) For a greater purpose

vs. 1c

## **“Called To Be”**

2.) A new voice

vs. 2-3

### **Verse 2-3**

2 which He promised before *through* His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,  
3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of  
David according to the flesh,

**This “Voice” That I’m Talking About It Isn’t Some Human Effort  
or Idea On Our Part. This is Not Some “Self Help” or “Positive Attitude” Course.**

### **The Galvanizing Force Is = We Preach Christ...**

1 Corinthians 1:20-24

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age?  
Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the  
wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God  
through the foolishness of the message PREACHED to save those who believe.  
22 For Jews desire a sign, and Gentiles seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach  
Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness,  
24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks,  
CHRIST the power of God and the wisdom of God.

### **“Called To Be” A New Voice**

2a.) We speak what we know

vs. 2a

### **Verse 2a**

2 which He promised  
before (*or beforehand – in advance of*)

Isaiah 46:10

10 Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that  
are not yet done, Saying, (promised word) “My counsel shall stand,  
and I will do all My pleasure,”

To You Who Are Not Yet Followers of Jesus Christ.  
You Should Know Something – We Speak What We Know Because We’ve Been Convinced.

**“Called To Be” A New Voice**

2b.) We speak what we hear

vs. 2b

Through His prophet’s - - in the Holy Scriptures,

We’ve Heard the Bible Speak (1) to the innermost person of who we are.  
We’ve Heard the Bible Speak (2) to the thoughts and the motives behind your actions.  
We’ve Heard the Bible Speak (3) to the emptiness and loneliness you battle with.  
We’ve Heard the Bible Speak (4) to the insecurities and fears that enslave you.  
We’ve Heard the Bible Speak (5) to the guilt and shame of our sins.

**“Called To Be” A New Voice**

2c.) We speak what we learn

vs. 3

**Verse 3**

3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,

**The Power of a Personal Testimony, Your Testimony.**

( ie. John 9 “I once was blind but now I see )  
( ie. Mark 7 “I once could not speak, but now I can )  
( ie. John 11 “I once was dead, but now I’m alive )

John 11:43-44

Now when He had said these things, Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come forth!” 44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.”

**“Called To Be”**

3.) A new power

vs. 4

**Verse 4**

4 and declared to be the Son of God with power  
according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

**“Called To Be” A New Power**

3a.) Powered by the message

vs. 4a

Verse 4a

and declared to be  
the Son of God with power

**“Declared to be the Son of God.”**

**this is what is known as an Incarnational term.**

**Meaning: it has always been true of Christ, but at a set time was  
manifested or revealed.**

Declared      grk: horizo; to mark off or set as a boundary, a predetermined, premeditated  
appointment to announce (incarnation).

**Our Message is - God has come to us!**

**This is the “Incarnation”**

**It was Deity entering into the world in human flesh.**

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,

**The Christmas Incarnation**

Luke 1:30-33

Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor  
with God. 31 And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a  
Son, and shall call His name JESUS. 32 He will be great, and will be called the  
Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father  
David. 33 And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever,  
and of His kingdom there will be no end.”

**A holy huddle for sure**

1 Timothy 3:16 NLT

Without question, this is the great mystery of our faith. Christ was revealed in  
a human body and vindicated by the Spirit. He was seen by angels and  
announced to the nations. He was believed in throughout the world  
and taken *(back)* to heaven in glory.

Luke 2:10-11,13-14

Then the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. 11 For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, :13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: 14 “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men!”

Philippians 2:8a-11

And being found in appearance as a man,

Colossians 1:15a

He is the image of the invisible God,

## Verse 4a

and declared to be  
the Son of God with power

The Old Testament Prophets Proclaimed...

Psalms 2:7

“I will declare the decree: The LORD has said to Me,  
You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.

The New Testament Apostles Recorded...

Hebrews 1:5

For to which of the angels did He ever say: “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You”? And again: “I will be to Him a Father,  
And He shall be to Me a Son”?

The Old Testament Prophets Proclaimed...

Psalms 97:7

Let all be put to shame who serve carved images,  
Who boast of idols. Worship Him, all you gods.

The New Testament Apostles Recorded...

Hebrews 1:6

But when He again brings the firstborn into the world,  
He says: “Let all the angels of God worship Him.”

## The Old Testament Prophets Proclaimed...

Psalm 45:6

Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

## The New Testament Apostles Recorded...

Hebrews 1:8

But to the Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever; A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom.

## "Called To Be" **A New Power**

3b.) Powered by the source

vs. 4b

## Verse 4

4b according to the Spirit of holiness,

## **This is the work of the Spirit of God. The Power Source is the Holy Spirit.**

The Book of Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

## **The Salvation Source is the Holy Spirit.**

2 Corinthians 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

## **The Sanctifying Source is the Holy Spirit.**

Romans 8:29-30

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom He predestined, these He also called; whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

## **The Keeping Source is the Holy Spirit.**

Jude 1:24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to present you faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, power, both now and forever. Amen.

Keep grk: phulasso; to guard over, to be watched over / having another being fixed upon you, to preserve, to accomplish, to set to completion.

Psalm 138:8

The LORD will perfect that which concerns me; Your mercy, O LORD, endures forever; do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

### **“Called To Be” A New Power**

3c.) Powered by the purpose

vs. 4c

Verse 4c

4c by the resurrection from the dead.

**The Greatest, Single Most Powerful Reality, that Proves**  
the Deity of Jesus Christ - is the fact that He rose from the dead

If Jesus is **“Back from the Dead”** –  
what can you possibly be afraid of?

Acts 2:22-25

“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a Man attested by God to you by miracles, wonders, and signs which God did through Him in your midst, as you yourselves also know - 23 Him, being delivered by the determined purpose and foreknowledge of God, you have taken by lawless hands, have crucified, and put to death; 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible that He should be held by it. 25 For David says concerning Him: (*quoting Psalm 16:8*)

Acts 13:32-33

And we declare to you glad tidings—that promise which was made to the fathers. 33 God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: “You are My Son, Today I have begotten You.” (*quoting Psalm 2:7*)

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes,

### **“Called To Be”**

4.) A new work

vs. 5-6

4a.) A new work of grace

vs. 5a

#### **Verse 5a**

5 Through Him we have received  
grace and apostleship

Divine **enablement** is the point here  
This “Through Him - we have received...”

receive grk: lambano collected, gathered up, taken hold of, obtained.

grace grk: charis; a divine act of favor, an appointed kindness, a specific blessing.

apostleship grk: apostole; the sending away of a messenger, to go forth, to depart, to embark upon or to be commissioned to.

### **“Called To Be” A New Work**

4b.) A new work of life

vs. 5b

#### **Verse 5b**

:5b for obedience to the faith  
among all nations for His name,

**Our witness is the point here.**  
**“Faith is our response to what God has said and done.”**  
We have {life to give away}

We have the gift of eternal life so give the gift of eternal life.

2 Corinthians 4:7

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels,  
that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us.



nations      grk: ethnos; the human race of peoples, humanity.

2 Corinthians 2:15-16

For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?

**"Called To Be" A New Work**

4c.) A new work of confidence

vs. 6

**Verse 6**

6 among whom you also  
are the called of Jesus Christ;

**Divine appointment** is the key here

I will fail at what I am trying to convince you of;  
But here goes...

You are called of Jesus Christ to know ***His will for your life***  
You are called of Jesus Christ to know ***His purpose for your life***  
You are called of Jesus Christ to know ***His joy for your life***  
You are called of Jesus Christ to know ***His desire for your life***  
You are called of Jesus Christ to know ***His joy for your life***

Philippians 2:13

For it is God who works in you  
both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

*End of Study*

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