

THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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

ROMANS 1:1-6

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“Called To Be – Part 2”

The Gospel of Grace, The Foundation of New Testament Theology
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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;

“For the purposes of systematic theology it is the most important book in the Bible. More than any other, it has determined the course of Christian thought.”
- *Dr. Albert Barnes*
(1798 – 1870)

“Where is the Christian Constitution? It is the Book of Romans.
To master it’s content is to be grounded and settled in the faith.”
- *Prof. Robert Findlay*
(1721 – 1814)

“Called To Be”

1.) A new man

vs. 1

Verse 1

Romans 1:1
Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ,
called to be an apostle, separated to the Gospel of God

**“Called To Be”
A New Man**

1a.) Under a greater authority

vs. 1a

Verse 1a

Romans 1:1a

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ.

Paul / Saul was no stranger to being under authority. He had been schooled in the most “Ivy League” institutions of his day. Paul had brought up under the tutelage of a paidagōgós or School-Master. A hired in-home teacher. A one-to-one instructor. (a paidagōgós was to drive you to the books, to hold your nose to the page)

Saul heb: shaul, meaning to question about or to ask for, to call forth or to call for; request.

Acts 9:1-2

Then **Saul**, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

The Man, Paul The Apostle.

Much is known about Saul of Tarsus, or the Paul we know of the New Testament theology (13 +1) authorship.

Acts 22:3

“I am indeed a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gamaliel, taught according to the strictness of our fathers’ law, and was zealous toward God as you all are today.

Philippians 3:4-5

If anyone else thinks he may have confidence in the flesh, I more so: 5 circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law, a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless....

Philippians 3:7-8

...**But** what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. 8 Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish,

Paul grk: paulus, meaning; little or least, small, a little one, to be regarded as powerless or insignificant.

Some scholars see here a connection between the old name and the new names of the apostle. (I agree).

Acts 13:9

Then **Saul**, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him

His “2” Names Appear Here in The Active Sense.

Both Names Are True. (#1) is his new reality = Paul.

The other name (#2) is Saul which is his perpetual reminder of what he once was.

Our God Is Into New Names

Revelation 3:12

He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. ***I will write on him the name of My God*** and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.

I remember putting my name on all my toys growing up.

Every single one of my G.I. Joe's had my name written on them.

But I was no fool. – I made sure to write my name on Joe's back.

(if a friend of mine claimed my G.I. Joe was his G.I. Joe – I'd just take a look on the inside

“If Joe said “JACK” then you've got to give him back”

Because That “Item” Had Come Under New Ownership!

2 Corinthians 5:15-17

He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again. :16 Therefore, from now on, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we have known Christ according to the flesh, yet now we know Him thus no longer. 17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, (look) all things have become new.

Jeremiah 15:16 KJV

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for (because) I am called by thy Name, O LORD God of hosts.

Verse 1a

Romans 1:1a

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ.

Bondservant: grk: doulos; a slave of the lowest order. A slave (not a servant) that is bound, tied, or nailed to his burden, a slave that is consumed by his or her master. (Servants got paid and time off. Slaves received neither)

The word “**slave**” appears in the **New Testament 130 times** in the original text. Everywhere in the Scriptures, the word servant actually appears as slave.

For those of us who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ,
we are His slaves - - there is no other way to spin it.

All of that to say: There is a profound difference
due to the fact of “Who The Master Is”.

The nature and characteristic of Jesus Christ being your Master causes a unique response from **the one who decides to become His slave.**

Professor Charles Ryrie;

“To literally become His slave is to be bound to Him of your own will. The believer who voluntarily takes the position of being a slave to Christ has no rights or will of his own. He does always and only the will of his Master. For His part, the Lord binds Himself to the care of His servant.”

Here's the amazing thing about it – (1) He first calls us His friends, then we respond in full submission to His love for us. – (2) I want to be nothing more than 100% under Him as the slave of Jesus Christ.

Friends, Let's be Honest – No one is really free.
Everyone has a Master or Three. So Pick Your Master.

Saul, who became Paul, had his masters in his past, but those were no more. Like any slave, they are purchased by their master to do his bidding and act for his pleasure – Paul had become the slave of Jesus Christ.

Acts 8:1-3

At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. **2** And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. **:3** As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison.

What Masters do you see in that?

Pride, Anger, Legalism, Hate, Jealousy...

The New Life Must Begin With An Encounter With God.

(remember – it's a faith crisis or a crisis of faith)

Acts 9:3-6

:3 As he journeyed he came near Damascus, and suddenly a light shone around him from heaven. **4** Then he fell to the ground, and heard a voice saying to him, **“Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me?”** **:5** And he said, “Who are You, Lord?” Then the Lord said, **“I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads.”** **:6** So Saul, trembling and astonished, said, **“Lord, what do You want me to do?”**

This is most significant.

Jesus Christ will never make a man His slave – Never!

The man must decide for himself to be Christ's slave.

Galatians 1:13-14

For you have heard of my **former conduct** in Judaism, how I persecuted the church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it. **14** And I advanced in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries in my own nation, being more exceedingly zealous for the traditions of my fathers.

The Transformation from Saul to Paul. How can a man who was guilty of killing Christians and sanctioning their arrest and beatings and enslavement ever be free from condemnation, guilt and shame?

And this is how he reminded himself of that transformation

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me;** and the life which **I now live** in the flesh **I live by faith** in the Son of God, who loved me and **gave Himself for me.**

And this is what the resulting action of that transformation looks like.

Philippians 3:13

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; **but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead,**

**“Called To Be”
A New Man**

1b.) With a greater commissioning

vs. 1b

Verse 1b

Romans 1:1b
Called to be an apostle,

Called grk: kletos, by invitation, to have been invited, to receive an invitation.

The Great (Your Great) Discovery

Ephesians 2:8-10

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. **10** For **we are His workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus for good works, **which God prepared beforehand** that we **should walk in them**.

Apostle grk: apostolos; a messenger, on a mission, a task, by order, one who is sent by another or others.

Galatians 1:1

Paul, an **apostle** (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ)

Jeremiah 1:4-5

Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying: 5 **“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”**

**“Called To Be”
A New Man**

1c.) For a greater purpose

vs. 1c

Verse 1c

Romans 1:1c
Separated to the Gospel of God

Separated grk: aphorizo; to mark off as expanding. enlarging of boundaries, to be taken away from that which is narrow and taken to that which is wide or wider – of a greater or expansive horizon, expanded view.

Think of taking off from John Wayne Airport. You can see hardly anything on the horizon – until you begin to ascend...

The Christian who is separated from the world but not separated unto Christ will become increasingly barren in life. His life will be without joy, as he becomes more critical and cynical.”

There is a joyous technicality here:

Notice the word “separation” is in the positive.

It’s not separated “from”, but separated “to”

The Purpose of the Separation(s)

J.C. Ryle

“Those thus called were constituted “Ambassadors for Christ.” Having been chosen, qualified, and deputized by Him to transact business with their fellow-man in respect to the Coming Kingdom of God.”

A Christian is the man, the woman, the boy or the girl who has decided to follow Jesus Christ. They choose to surrender their lives over to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Once that willful act is decided – the work of the Holy Spirit inside of that believer kicks into action.

When God calls us, He separates us to the Gospel of God

Called to be... believing the message.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

:3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

Called to be... repeating the message.

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Verse 1c

Separated to
The Gospel of God

To the Jews, this should not have been "new" as in different. It was to be "new" as in the fulfillment of the promise.

There is Nothing New about the "New" Testament –
It was the Forever Promised Testament Revealed in the Old Testament.

Jeremiah 31:31-33

"Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a New Covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah – 32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD. 33 But this is The Covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put *My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts;* and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

There is a beautiful summation of all of this

Acts 9:11-12, 17-22

So the Lord said to him, "Arise and go to the street called Straight, and inquire at the house of Judas for one called Saul of Tarsus, for behold, he is praying. **12** And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and putting his hand on him, so that he might receive his sight..." **17** And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." **18** Immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized. **19** So when he had received

food, he was strengthened. Then Saul spent some days with the disciples at Damascus. :**20** Immediately he preached the Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. :**21** Then all who heard were amazed, and said, "Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this name in Jerusalem, and has come here for that purpose, so that he might bring them bound to the chief priests?" :**22** But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who dwelt in Damascus, proving that **this Jesus is the Christ.**

End of Study

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