

# ROMANS STUDY

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

## Romans 1:7-17

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### THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

## **Called To Be Encouraged! – Part 2**

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According to Grace By The Argumentation of the Apostle Paul

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### Romans 1:7-12

To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. :8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. 9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, 10 making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you. 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established - 12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me. :13 Now I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to you (but was hindered until now), that I might have some fruit among you also, just as among the other Gentiles. 14 I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise. 15 So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. :16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. 17 For in it (the gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

## **Called To Be Encouraged**

1.) Because of where you are

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### Called To Be Encouraged

### **Because Of Where You Are**

1a.) You are where the family is

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1b.) You are where the witness is

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## Called To Be Encouraged

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### Called To Be Encouraged Because Of Who You Are

2a.) You are the affection of God

vs. 13

## Verse 13

Now I do not want YOU to be unaware, brethren, that I often planned to come to YOU (but was hindered until now) that I might have some fruit among YOU also, just as among the other Gentiles.

## Examples of His Affection & Meaning

Titus 3:1, 8

Remind them to be subject to rulers and authorities, to obey, to be ready for every good work, :8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I want YOU to affirm constantly, that those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men.

Ephesians 2:10

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

## Verse 13b

that I might have some **fruit** among **YOU** also,  
just as among the other Gentiles.

Fruit grk: kar'pos; on-going benefits, long-term effect, descendants, produce or a crop that increases (spiritual investments)

John 15:4

Abide (meno) in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides (meno) in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide (meno) in Me.

Abiding grk: me'no; to stay, to remain, to last, to live life, to be, to remain, to dwell – as in “draw near to me saith the LORD” and “come to me all ye...”

John 15:5

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides (meno) in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

John 15:7

If you abide (meno) in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

John 15:9-10

“As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide (meno) in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide (meno) in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide (meno) in His love.

John 15:11

“These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain (meno) in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:16

You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain (meno),

This abiding in or with Jesus will naturally, supernaturally produce Supernatural (Christlike) Characteristics – such as supernatural love, supernatural joy and supernatural fruitfulness in your life.

**Called To Be Encouraged  
Because Of Who You Are**

2b.) You are a sign to the world

vs. 14

**Verse 14**

I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians,  
both to wise and to unwise.

Debtor grk: opheiletes; indebted as being a slave to a debt or that which is owed, under the obligation {of gratitude} or as culprit or co-conspirator as one who is working together with another to take back what was stolen {souls to God} to owe or owe it.

To happily give away what has been given to you

Romans 13:8

Owe no one anything except to love one another,

This is his motivation:

“to Greeks and to barbarians, both to wise and to unwise!”

Gentile Salvation IS NOT a New Testament Idea.

**I. O. U.**

**“This news is so great that everyone has to know about it. It is so wonderful that I’m willing to spend the rest of my life on earth, telling everyone I can about this good news, if they believe it or not!”**

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD had said to Abram (the first Jew in history was first a gentile):  
“Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.  
3 I will bless those who bless you.

Psalm 22:27

All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations Shall worship before You.

And here – In the remarkable Isaiah 49:5-6 passage  
the Messiah speaks to the Father regarding His mission

Isaiah 49:5-6

5 “And now the LORD says, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, So that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, And My God shall be My strength),

6 Indeed He says, "It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' "

Isaiah 56:6 -7

"Also the sons of the foreigner Who join themselves to the LORD, to serve Him, And to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants - Everyone who keeps from defiling the Sabbath, And holds fast My covenant - 7 Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices Will be accepted on My altar; For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

Isaiah 60:3

The Gentiles shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Jeremiah 16:19c

O LORD, my strength and my fortress, My refuge in the day of affliction,  
The Gentiles shall come to You

Zechariah 2:11

Many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day,  
and they shall become My people.

Malachi 1:11

For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down,  
My name shall be great among the Gentiles;

2 Timothy 1:11

To which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle,  
and a teacher of the Gentiles.

2 Timothy 4:17

But the Lord stood with me and strengthened me, so that the message might  
be preached fully through me, and that all the Gentiles might hear.

Ephesians 3:8

To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given, that I  
should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

Acts 15:14

Simon Peter has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His Name.

Acts 15:3

So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren.

Galatians 3:8

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed."

Acts 17:17

Therefore he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and with the Gentile worshipers, and in the marketplace daily with those who happened to be there.

This is how a thankful, I. O. U. life looks like...

1 Corinthians 9:19-22

For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; 20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; 21 to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; 22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some.

Mark These 3 exhortations from Scripture.

This is to be the priority of every New Testament church.

These 3 acts that equal 1 purpose.

Mark 16:15

And He said to them, (1) "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Matthew 28:19-20a

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.

Romans 10:13-15

For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” :14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent?

**Called To Be Encouraged  
Because Of Who You Are**

2c.) We are the light to the lost

vs. 15

**Verse 15**

So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also.

But Jack – are they not already Christians, a saved people(?)

Correct. There is a two-fold answer here.

#1 every time we hear the Gospel preached it equips us to preach it effectively. #2 every time we hear the Gospel preached it challenges us to embrace it again.

**I would add a third (3<sup>rd</sup>.) argument.**

Never assume that just because there are those sitting around you and among you here at church – that they are followers of Jesus Christ too.

You do not know them until you begin to live with them.

**You Must Do Life With Them To Know Them**

**( I thought you were going to encourage us, pastor )**

**Called To Be Encouraged**

3.) Because of what you are

vs. 16-17

## Verse 16a

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,

This is one of the most beloved verses in all of the Bible

because of its powerful ability to encourage the Christian.

This “I am not ashamed of the Gospel” is more literally:

“I am proud of the Gospel”

What would you do if you discovered the cure for cancer? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you do to get the news out? \_\_\_\_\_

What would you spend to produce it? \_\_\_\_\_

What if people made fun of you for even saying you have cure? \_\_\_\_\_

ashamed grk: epaischunomai; to turn away from, to step away, to deny association, to reject or to testify against, (Peter)

## Paul's Example

### He believed in the Gospel

Acts 9:6

So Paul, trembling and astonished, said, “Lord, what do You want me to do?”

### He confessed openly the Gospel

1 Corinthians 2:2

For I determined not to know anything among you except  
Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

### He suffered for the Gospel

2 Corinthians 11:23-28

Are they ministers of Christ?—I speak as a fool—I am more: in labors more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequently, in deaths often. 24 From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. 25 Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; 26 in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in

perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; 27 in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness— 28 besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.

**Called To Be Encouraged  
Because Of What You Are**

3b.) You are the ambassador of God

vs. 16b

**Verse 16b**

for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes,  
for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

An ambassador is one who is sent to a foreign land on behalf of his own Nation. The ambassador is a respected, high ranking official speaking for the nation or kingdom that has sent him. The ambassador's role is to reflect the official position of the sovereign body politic or king that has vested him with the authority of that government.

Whenever we share the message of Jesus Christ with someone,  
we are walking up to and crossing over into another realm of government  
(spiritually speaking)

**The Power of Our Relationship with the LORD...**

One of the dumbest things that older kids try to do to their younger brother or sister is to try to get them to feel insecure, so they try to convince them that "they were adopted"

**"did you know that mom and dad adopted you?"**

"Well if that's true then I guess mom and dad handpicked me out of a group of a bunch of babies. They selected me, they chose me, they said 'we're gonna take that one – right there with the big nose.'  
But you, when you popped out, they were stuck with you."

## With Adoption Comes Ambassadorship!

2 Timothy 1:8-12

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God 9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began, 10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, 11 to which I was appointed a preacher, an apostle, and a teacher of the Gentiles. 12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day.

We are God's envoys / His diplomates / His ambassadors  
Of His Politics, Kingdom, Laws, Rule, Doctrines...

2 Corinthians 5:20

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God."

Be Reconciled to God

Colossians 1:21-22

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight

**Called To Be Encouraged  
Because Of What You Are**

3c.) You are the boldness of God

vs. 17

Verse 17

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

There's a little bit of a debate here  
as to the meaning/use of a word in this verse.

Is it “For THE righteousness of God is revealed”  
or is it “A righteousness of God is revealed”?

The “For THE righteousness of God is revealed”  
{yes – in Christ Jesus, this is certainly NT theology and is true}  
The “A righteousness of God is revealed”  
{yes – In me I have my righteousness because Jesus Christ gave it to me,  
This too is NT theology and is true}

Both renderings are wonderful – one public, or global, the other more personal.

Romans 1:17 NIV  
For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; (this personal  
growth) as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

Romans 1:17 NLT  
This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is  
accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say,  
“It is through faith that a righteous person has life.”

Habakkuk 2:4c  
The just shall live by his faith.

Others say that it is better understood in Greek

THE RIGHTEOUS ARE AS BOLD AS LIONS  
This doesn't mean they are sinless, it means that God has declared them (us)  
saints - saints who evidence the fact that their ever-increasing faith moves on  
to faith as they are growing in the grace of God...

**2 Corinthians 3:17**  
Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord  
*is*, there *is* liberty. <sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a  
mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same  
image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Revealed, meaning the New Testament mystery that salvation would be not of  
any moral effort or law enforcement on our part – but utter confidence in God.

## From faith to faith

Meaning, from this “bucket of faith” we pour into this “bucket of faith” and  
from that “bucket of faith” we pour into this “bucket of faith”  
and we just keep pouring....

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ,  
( WHY NOT PAUL? )

For (BECAUSE) it is THE POWER of God to salvation for ...  
...it is THE RIGHTEOUSNESS of God revealed

( WHY SHOULD ANYONE CARE? )

(BECAUSE IT IS) for everyone who believes, for the *Jew first* and  
also for *the Greek*.

(SO WHAT’S THE BIG DEAL?) 17 For in it the righteousness of God  
is revealed { from faith to faith }; as it is written, “The just shall live by faith.”

So how long has the message been out there – that God saves us based on  
faith in Him and not by any works of law-keeping or morality?

Forever..

Making “Good News” Great News!  
Believe it. Live it. Share it.

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*End of Study*

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