

The Heart of the Matter

Lesson 1

Romans 1:1-17

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<p>Romans 1:1-7</p> <p>1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures³ regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life^a was a descendant of David,⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power^b by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.⁵ Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from^c faith for his name's sake.⁶ And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.</p>			
<p>Footnotes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Romans 1:3 Or <i>who according to the flesh</i> b. Romans 1:4 Or <i>was declared with power to be the Son of God</i> c. Romans 1:5 Or <i>that is</i> 			
<p>Summary:</p>			
<p>Romans 1:8-17 Paul's Longing to Visit Rome</p> <p>⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.⁹ God, whom I</p>			

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<p>serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you ¹⁰ in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.</p> <p>¹¹ I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong—¹² that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. ¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters,^[e] that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.</p> <p>¹⁴ I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. ¹⁵ That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.</p> <p>¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷ For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,^[e] just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."^[f]</p>			
<p>Footnotes:</p> <p>d. Romans 1:13 The Greek word for <i>brothers and sisters (adelphoi)</i> refers here to believers, both men and women, as part of God's family; also in 7:1, 4; 8:12, 29; 10:1; 11:25; 12:1; 15:14, 30; 16:14, 17.</p> <p>e. Romans 1:17 Or <i>is from faith to faith</i></p> <p>f. Romans 1:17 Hab. 2:4</p>			

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Not Ashamed of the Gospel

Scriptures:

Phil. 1:27

2 Cor. 5:20

Questions:

With whom in your life do you long to share the gospel and why?

What steps will you take to reach out to them?

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Lecture Notes

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Prayer Requests

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