

# ROMANS

The Heart of the Matter

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## *“Good News!”*

### Romans 1:1-17

Lamplighters Women’s Bible Study  
Sept. 23, 2015



# Announcements

Welcome to those who weren't here last week.

Shout out to our fellow travelers:

Monday evening—Julie Bou

Wed. noon in Steiner Ranch—Martha Conroy  
and Maggie Tate

Wed. evening—Judith Thorburn

Thursday noon—Megan Poore





Good news! New Life!



# Good News!

Called

Rom. 1:1-7

Community

Rom. 1:8-15

Conviction

Rom. 1:16-17





# Gospel

*shorthand for the person and work of Jesus Christ*

Jewish thought= the good news that God has broken into history to rescue His people and set all things right

Roman thought=the birthday or accession day of the emperor

*Available to all!*





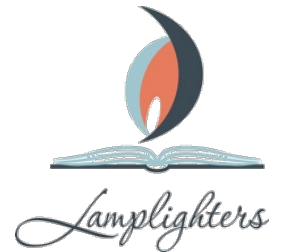
# Called

To: Christians in Rome

About: the good news of Jesus Christ

From: Paul—credentials, slave, called, set apart  
for, sent out with

Jesus: promised by God in Scripture, God's own  
Son, royal house of David, Son of God by the  
power of the Spirit through the resurrection,  
Lord!



# Called...

Readers: called to—

participate in the good news

receive grace

belong to Jesus

obedience that comes from faith

be saints



# Called

In what ways is it risky or daring to be a Christian in your community today?

How would you introduce yourself for the first time to a stranger?



# Community

Thanks God for them.

Prays for them.

Longs to be with them.



# Community

Called to each other!

Belong to each other!



# Community

Where do you find your closest community?

With whom are you walking through life? (Who's your first phone call...or text?)

Who is your mentor? Whom are you mentoring?

How will you reach out this week to include someone in your community?

*"Blessed to be a blessing."*



# Confidence

a lower class, poor, Jew, from Galilee, executed like a common criminal...crucified (shameful death) and then came back to life?



# Confidence

“The good news is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.”





# Confidence

Righteousness/righteous/right

Justice/just/justify

- a. God's faithfulness to His promises
- b. Legal term—to be “in the right” as a finding of the judge



“Everything sad is going to come untrue!”



# Confidence

How eager are we to share God's good news?

What keeps us from sharing about Jesus?

In what is our confidence?

