

THE SERVANT, THE SAVIOR, AND THE SAINTS

(Romans 1:1-7)

I. THE SALUTATION AND INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF ROMANS (1:1-7)

A. Paul the Writer (v. 1)

1. This salutation is the longest of Paul's letters, and he identifies himself as a _____ (Gk *doulos*) of Jesus Christ. (v. 1)
2. Writing to believers he had never met, he laid out his credentials, he was an _____ of the Lord Jesus, which meant he had delegated _____ with a mission. (Acts 9:15; Gal. 1:1, 16; 2:7-9)
3. The particular extent of his work, the scope of his calling, was quite narrow, namely, he was _____ to proclaim the _____ (the "good news") of God. (1 Cor. 15:1-4; Gal. 1:12)

B. Key Elements Regarding the Gospel and Jesus Christ (vv. 2-5)

1. The gospel is _____ a new message, it was _____ in the Old Testament. (v. 2, cf. Gen. 3:15; Isa. 53; Luke 24:25-27, 45-47)
2. The gospel is centered on Jesus – as to His humanity (v. 3), He was not just an Israelite, but he was a royal _____ of King David, from the tribe of _____ with messianic qualifications to the throne. (Matt. 1:1; Luke 1:32; Acts 13:22-23; 2 Tim. 2:8; 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Isa. 11:1-5)
3. Paul immediately directs His readers to Jesus' _____ (v. 4), He is the very Son of the living God, and His divine "_____" was validated in His bodily resurrection, just as He predicted. (John 2:18-22; Matt. 16:21)

C. Glorious Benefits Received through Jesus Christ (vv. 5-6)

1. Through Christ, Paul received his _____ of “*grace*” (Gk *charis*) and his _____ of “*apostleship*.” (v. 5a)

2. Through Christ, Paul received his _____, “*for the obedience of faith*.” (v. 5b)

* What kind of obedience is this?

3. This ministry was intended to _____ “*all nations*” and it was envisioned to _____ “*His name’s sake*.” (v. 5c)

D. Greeting to the Saints in Rome (vv. 6- 7)

1. The spiritual description of these believers...they were “_____ *of Jesus Christ*.” (v. 6)

2. The physical location as to where they lived... “*to all who are in* _____” (v. 7a)

3. Paul’s greeting (v. 7b) ...
 - a. The Roman greeting- “_____ *to you*.”

 - b. The Hebrew greeting- “_____”

* What can you personally apply from this passage?