

ROMANS 02 – 1:1

Paul Separated unto the Gospel

1. Romans 1

- a. Departing from Paul's writings meant heresy, following Paul meant salvation
- b. Paul's ministry is controversial: among Jews and Gentiles, bond and free, etc.
- c. This is the longest introduction to any of his epistles; he gives his full resume.
- d. We do not magnify the man, but his office, his gospel, Christ: Rom 11:13, 15:16-18
- e. Having never been to Rome, Paul begins by describing his orthodoxy in 1:1-4

2. Romans 1:1 – Paul's Resume

- a. In one verse Paul gives his heart motive, his authority, and his mission.
- b. Paul was not always a servant: Acts 8:3, 9:5-6, 13, 26, but...1Tim 1:11-16, Titus 3:4
- c. "servant" - He was bound to Christ, as are you – 1 Cor 9:17-19, Rom 6:22, Eph 6:6
- d. "called to be an apostle" – Acts 9:15, 2 Tim 2:8-11, Rom 11:13, 2 Cor 11:5, 12:11-12
- e. He was not among the twelve, nor did he qualify: Acts 1:21-23, and 1 Cor 15:8-10
- f. "separated" – He did not go to Jerusalem for his commission - Gal 1:11-17
- g. Jesus lived among the Twelve 3 years, he appeared to Paul for as long – Gal 1:18
- h. Paul writes only concerning the things Christ gave to him – Rom 15:18-20

3. Gospel of God

- a. There is more than one gospel in the Bible – 1 Cor 15:1-4 vs. Luke 9:1-6, 18:34
- b. There are sometimes more than one name to the same gospel – 2 Cor 4:4-5, 11:7
- c. Gospel of God can be the gospel of Christ – Rom 15:16-19
- d. Paul teaches one gospel: the gospel of the grace of God – Acts 20:24, Eph 1:13
- e. It is different from the kingdom gospel, the gospel of the circumcision – Gal 2:7
- f. But the "good news" of God starts with Christ, according to the scriptures.

Brief Outline of Romans

1. (1-8) – The Gospel of Christ – Rom 1:1, 16
 - (1-3) – The rejection of righteousness (All are sinners): 1:18, 1:28, 2:5, 3:10
 - (3-5) – Salvation (God’s Righteousness): 3:21, 3:26, 4:5, 5:1
 - (5-8) – Position (Identification doctrines): 6:4, 6:23, 7:4, 8:9, 8:14
2. (9-11) – Israel’s election (9), rejection (10), and the remnant (11)
3. (12-16) – Practical Instructions
 - (12) – Behavior towards members of the body – Rom 12:5
 - (13) – Behavior towards higher powers – Rom 13:1-3
 - (14) – Behavior towards weaker brothers – Rom 14:1
 - (15) – Behavior towards the remnant – Rom 15:8, 27
 - (16) – Salutations and warnings – Rom 16:17