

# "Welcome to Romans"

Romans 1:1-7

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What is the theme of the Book of Romans? The gospel (Ro 1:1,9,15,16,17)

What does the word "gospel" mean? It means good news.

Outline for the Book of Romans:

1. The gospel is God's good news for sinners. (Ro 1-8)
2. The gospel is God's good news for Israel. (Ro 9-11)
3. The gospel is God's good news for your life. (Ro 12-16)

Three-fold Introduction (Ro 1:1)

1. Paul introduces his Master - He is a "bondservant of Jesus Christ."
2. Paul introduces his office - He is "called to be an apostle".
3. Paul introduces his purpose - He is "separated to the gospel".

Paul's Introduction (cont.)

1. He introduces himself as a "bondservant of Jesus Christ."  
"Bondservant" means— a slave by choice
2. He introduces himself as "called to be an apostle."  
"Apostle" means— a person who is sent
3. He introduces himself as separated to the gospel of God.  
"Separated" means— to be selected out of a group for a purpose

Paul's message is the gospel and the gospel was promised in the Old Testament. (Ro 1:2)

The two natures of Jesus Christ:

1. His human nature. (v.3)
2. His divine nature. (4)

What was the key event in verse 4 that demonstrates who Jesus Christ really is? The resurrection from the dead.

Paul's philosophy of ministry in three simple statements (Ro 1:5,6)

1. His message was the gospel.
2. His mission was the world.
3. His goal was winning people to faith in Jesus Christ and helping them to mature in Him.

Three truths about our identity:

1. We are loved by God. (v.7a)
2. We are called to be saints. (v.7.b)
3. We are recipients of God's grace and peace. (v.7c)