

Romans 1:1-7 “Introduction to Romans”

The Story of Romans

- Who: Paul the Apostle (Saul of Tarsus)
- When: AD 56-57
- From where: Corinth (Cenchrea)
- To whom: Christians in Rome

The Theme of Romans

- The kingdom of God overcomes our personal empires

Greeting (verses 1-4)

- Paul – a servant of Jesus
- Called to be an apostle
- Set apart for the gospel

The Gospel (verses 5-6)

- Prophecies of the Son (fulfilled in Jesus)
- Resurrected Jesus witnessed by hundreds
- Called to belong to Jesus

The Church at Rome (verse 7)

- Loved by God and called to be saints
- Grace and peace

Kingdom-minded servants of Jesus should have peace (his peace) inside.

Notes on Today's Message

Questions for Personal Study or Group Discussion**Open**

- What is one place you've never been that you'd love to visit?
- We all have various titles, like parent, employee, friend. What title best identifies you?

Read

- Romans 1:1-7

Observe

- How does Paul identify himself in verse 1?
- How does Paul explain the gospel in verses 2-4?
- How does Paul describe followers of Christ in verses 5-7?

Apply

- Paul writes that we are "called to belong to Jesus Christ." What does that mean to you, personally?
- God's will is that we become disciple makers, telling the gospel story and calling others to join us in following Jesus. What might that look like in your life?

Prayer

- *Thank* God for the good news which is ours in Jesus Christ.
- Ask God to give you the words, the love, and the courage to share the gospel with others.

Recommended Commentaries on Romans

- Romans for You, Tim Keller (The Good Book Company)
- Romans: An Introduction and Commentary, F. F. Bruce (IVP Academic)
- The Letter to the Romans (New International Commentary on the New Testament), Douglas Moo (Eerdmans)