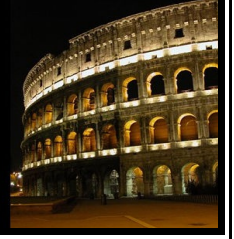


Paul's Epistle to the ROMANS

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"The Obedience that Comes from Faith" Romans 1:1-7



Introduction:

I. THE AUTHOR (vs. 1)

A. "Slave of Christ Jesus"

"Paul"

"a bond-servant" (*doulos*)

"of Christ Jesus" - abnormal order with little mss. evidence

B. "Apostle"

apostolos = sent one, official envoy, commissioner

Ephesians 2:19-20

"called"

C. Preacher

"set apart"

"for the gospel of God"

euangelion - "the joyful proclamation of the death and resurrection of [God's] Son, and of the consequent amnesty and liberation which men and women may enjoy through faith in Him" (F.F. Bruce)

II. THE SUBJECT (vs. 2-6)

A. The Source of the Gospel (vs. 2)

"which He promised beforehand" (Genesis 12:3
with Galatians 3:8)

"through His prophets in the holy Scriptures"

"By His resurrection and ascension the Son of God incarnate entered upon a new phase of sovereignty and was endowed with new power correspondent with an unto the exercise of the mediatorial lordship which He executes as head over all things to His body, the church." F.F. Bruce

B. The Substance of the Gospel (vs. 3-4)

"concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh"
genomenou ek spermatis David sarx

"who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead"
horizo en

"according to the Spirit of holiness"

“Jesus Christ our Lord”

C. The Scope of the Gospel (vs. 5-6)

“through whom we have received grace and apostleship”

“to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles” (see 16:25,26)

- ❶ the faith that *produces* obedience
- ❷ the obedience that *is* faith
- ❸ the faith that, if genuine, is always accompanied by obedience

“for His name’s sake”

“among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ”

III. THE ADDRESSEES (vs. 7)

A. Their Position Geographically (vs. 7a)

“to all who are...in Rome”

B. Their Preference Theologically (vs. 7b)

“to all who are beloved of God”

“called as saints” (*hagioi*)

C. Their Prize Experientially (vs. 7)

“grace to you” (*charis*)

“and peace” (*irene*)

“from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”

Conclusion:

- 1) **Theologically:** “Jesus Christ our Lord” is the purpose, focus, and goal of all Scripture from OT to NT.
- 2) **Spiritually:** “the obedience of faith” means bowing the knee in trusting submission to Jesus as Lord, both at the start and all through the Christian life.
- 3) **Practically:** What is the purpose of my life? Why am I here?

Food for Thought:

- 1) What do my words and actions reveal about my identity?
- 2) Who are the people in whom I am building a love for God and the gospel?
- 3) How would I describe my life’s purpose and calling?
- 4) Do my priorities in life and ministry reflect values that are true and eternal?