

# The Christmas Story in Romans

Romans 1:1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the **gospel of God,** 2 (Which he had **promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,**) 3 Concerning **his Son Jesus Christ our Lord,** which was **made** of the seed of David **according to the flesh;** 4 And **declared to be the Son of God with power,** according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: 5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: 6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ: 7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- In the first 7 verses of Romans Paul mentions Jesus 8 times if you count His name, pronoun, description, etc
- Paul loved Jesus

1. The **preaching** of the gospel of God! 1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the **gospel of God,**

a. What is the gospel?

i. Every man did his own thing and went his own way

**Isaiah 53:6** All we like sheep have **gone astray**; We have **turned every one to his own way**; And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Romans 3:10** As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: **11** There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. **12** They are **all gone out of the way**, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

ii. Man's rebellion brought sin and death upon all men

**Romans 5:12** Wherefore, as **by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men**, for that all have sinned:

iii. God in His goodness and grace man a plan to rescue

sinful man **II Corinthians 5:18** And all things *are* of **God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ**, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** To wit, that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself**, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto

us the word of reconciliation. [Romans 6:23](#) For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- iv. God, Himself took on human flesh, lived among us, and died on a cross paying for our sins [John 1:14](#) **And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,** (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- v. God placed the sins of the world on Himself and took the consequences of our sin [Isaiah 53:6](#) **All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned every one to his own way;** And the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- vi. To prove this is true He rose from the dead [4](#) **And declared to be the Son of God with power,** according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:
- vii. He offers salvation to all who will believe [I Timothy 2:3](#) For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; [4](#) **Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.** [5](#) For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and

men, the man Christ Jesus; **6** Who gave himself a **ransom for all**, to be testified in due time.

- b. This was the message Paul preached as a servant of Jesus Christ
- c. This is the gospel, good news, of God! Never think that it isn't God loving you!

2. The **promised** One! Jesus and the gospel were promised by God in the Old Testament. **1** Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, **2** (Which he had **promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,**)

- a. The gospel was not an afterthought or a change in God's plan
- b. The gospel was not the gospel of Paul but the gospel of God **1:1** Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the **gospel of God, 1:9** For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in **the gospel of his Son**, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers; **1:16** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for **it is the power of God unto**

**salvation** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

- i. It is the gospel of God
  - ii. It is the gospel of Christ
  - iii. Christ is God
- c. The gospel is the message that Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again [I Corinthians 15:1](#)  
Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you **the gospel which I preached unto you**, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; [2](#) By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. [3](#) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures; [4](#) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:
- d. The first promise of the gospel is found in [Genesis 3:15](#)  
And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.
  - e. Jesus told them that the prophets spoke of Him  
[Luke 24:25](#) Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of

heart to **believe all that the prophets have spoken:**

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things, and to enter into his glory? 27 And **beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.** 32 And they said one to another, Did not our heart burn within us, while he talked with us by the way, and **while he opened to us the scriptures?**

f. Every lamb sacrificed was a picture of the sacrifice that Jesus would make on the cross

3. The **person** of the promise was Jesus 3 Concerning **his Son Jesus Christ our Lord**, which was **made** of the seed of David **according to the flesh;** 4 And **declared to be the Son of God with power**, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

a. Jesus is the center of the gospel message **Isaiah 7:14** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, **a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, And shall call his name Immanuel.** **Matthew 1:18** Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together,

she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. 19 Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. 20 But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for **that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.** 21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: **for he shall save his people from their sins.** 22 Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, **a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son,** and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. 24 Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife: 25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

- b. Jesus is the Son of God. Jesus is God
- c. Jesus is His earthly name as He came to live among us and then die

- d. He is Lord or God. King, ruler, boss, sovereign  
**Revelation 19:13** And he *was* **clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.** **16** And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**
- e. He was born into David's line to fulfill the promises that God had made to Israel **3** Concerning **his Son Jesus Christ our Lord**, which was **made** of the seed of David **according to the flesh;**
- f. Jesus is God in human flesh **3** Concerning **his Son Jesus Christ our Lord**, which was **made** of the seed of David **according to the flesh;**
- i. Jesus, God, took on human flesh **John 1:14** And the **Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
- ii. All of God was in Him bodily **Colossians 2:9** For in him **dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.**  
**1:19** For it pleased *the Father* that **in him should all fulness dwell;**
- iii. God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself  
**II Corinthians 5:19** To wit, that **God was in Christ,**

reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

iv. Born of a virgin

v. One who knew no sin coming to make us holy

**II Corinthians 5:20** Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech *you* by us: we pray *you* in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. **21** For he **hath made him *to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.***

4. The **power** of God! Jesus is the Son of God and who God said He was **4** **And declared *to be the Son of God with power,*** according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

a. The power and miracles of His birth **Philippians 2:4** Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. **5** Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: **6** Who, **being in the form of God,** thought it not robbery **to be equal with God:** **7** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the

form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:  
8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

- b. The power and miracles of His life
- c. The power and miracles of His death
- d. The power and miracles of His resurrection

Revelation 1:17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

- e. Many have lived good moral lives. They have accomplished great things. They have died a martyr's death but only one was dead and is now alive.
- f. The power of God raised Jesus from the dead and He lives forever