

CALLED TO BELONG TO JESUS CHRIST

Romans 1:6

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ROMANS – THE GREATEST LETTER EVER WRITTEN

Augustine:

Romans 13:13-14

Martin Luther:

Romans 1:17

John Wesley:

The Great
Awakening

FREDERICK GODET

“every spiritual revival in the church will be connected as effect and cause with a deeper understanding of this letter.”

“For what is the theme of Romans? The offer of the righteousness of God to the man who finds himself stripped by the law of his own righteousness.”

BACKGROUND

Written about AD 57
from Corinth

Paul desired to move
westward to Rome on
his way to Spain

BUT....he felt obligated
first to return to
Jerusalem with the gifts
collected

Outline:

Sin (Romans 1:18 – 3:20)

Salvation (Romans 3:21 – 5)

Sanctification (Romans 6 – 8)

Sovereignty (Romans 9 – 11)

Service (Romans 12 – 16)

“BUT
NOW...

...apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to ALL who believe.” (Romans 3:21, 22)



“Is there a ‘But now’ in your experience?” Martin Lloyd-Jones

PAUL – ROMANS 1:1

a servant of
Christ Jesus

Called to be
an Apostle

Set apart for
the gospel of
God

THE “PERSON” OF THE GOSPEL: THE SON OF GOD!

Romans 1:3-4:

- “who as to His human nature was a descendant of David”
- who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection of the dead

JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD ROMANS 1:4

- JESUS – SAVIOR: “you are to give Him the name Jesus, because He will save His people from their sins.” Matthew 1:21
- CHRIST – THE ANOINTED ONE: the One through whom all salvation history flows
- LORD – THE RIGHTFUL RULER: the One with authority because of who He is and what He has done

THE MISSION OF PAUL:

“Through [Jesus Christ], we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for His (Jesus’) name’s sake” Romans 1:5

“And you are also among those called to belong to Jesus Christ.” Romans 1:6

“And you also
are among
those CALLED
TO BELONG
TO CHRIST
JESUS.”

God is the One who calls

His call is an act of grace toward the guilty sinner

His call accomplishes what He intends

GOD IS THE ONE WHO CALLS

The effectual call of God is more than an INVITATION, it is IRRESISTABLE GRACE.

“...but to those whom God has CALLED, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.” (I Corinthians 1:24)

“For God...made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.” (II Corinthians 4:6)

God has a purpose in His effectual call (Romans 8:28-30)

FOR THOSE
GOD
FOREKNEW,
HE.....

PREDESTINED

CALLED

JUSTIFIED

GLORIFIED



APPLICATIONS:

CALLED PEOPLE
BELONG TO
CHRIST...ETERNALLY!

Meditate on this truth
and you will have
DEEPENING LOVE AND
INCREASED PRAISE

Called people should
be involved in calling
people FOR HIS
NAME'S SAKE.

JESUS CALLS US

Jesus calls us oe'r the tumult of our life's wild restless sea;
Day by day His voice still calls us saying, 'Christian, follow me.'

Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us, saying, 'Christian, love me more.'

Jesus calls us: by His mercies, Savior, may we heed Your call,
Give our hearts in glad obedience, serve and love You best of all.