

**BOOK OF ROMANS**  
**THE GOSPEL IS OUR CONFIDENCE-PART 1**  
**ROMANS 1:1-16**

**INTRODUCTION**

At the time of the writing of the book of Romans, Paul was in Corinth in 58 A.D.

Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles, had never visited the Church at Rome.

He apparently received much criticism because of this even to the point that he was accused of being ashamed of the Gospel.

Of course, nothing could have been further from the truth.

One of Paul's purposes in writing this letter was to declare his intent to visit the Roman church.

However, more importantly, his purpose in writing this letter was to affirm the Gospel of Jesus Christ and his confidence in it.

**I. PAUL'S CONFIDENCE WAS PROVED BY HIS POSITION IN THE GOSPEL—HE WAS A SERVANT OF JESUS CHRIST!**

*(Vs 1)*

The word translated "*servant*" here refers to a "*bond slave*."

A *servant* or *bond slave* was *one who had been purchased by the one who became his Master*. Paul was acknowledging that he was not his own for he had been bought with the price of the precious blood of **Jesus Christ!** (*1 Corinthians 6:19-20*)

A *servant* or *bond slave* was also *one who did not live for himself, but was dedicated to the will of another*. Paul no longer lived for himself, but had wholly dedicated his life to the will of **Jesus Christ!**

The Hebrew picture of a *bond slave* was *one who served voluntarily out of love for the Master*. (*Deuteronomy 15:12-18*) Paul's service was **NOT** one of forced or involuntary servitude, but rather it was **service offered willingly out of love for the Master!**

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**II. PAUL'S CONFIDENCE WAS CONSISTENT WITH GOD'S PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL—THIS JESUS, THE CHRIST (MESSIAH) WAS THE ONE PROPHESED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT! (Vs 2)**

**Paul Wanted The Romans To Realize That The Gospel Was Not Something That Was New!**

**A. To The Jews, The Gospel Appeared To Be New!**

As they sought to kill **Jesus** because **He** made **Himself** equal with **God**, **Jesus** challenged them:

*John 5:39—"Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me."*

**B. To The Disciples, The Gospel Appeared To Be New!**  
*(Luke 24: 25-27; 44-48)*

**C. To Those Who Heard It, The Gospel Appeared To Be New!**  
*(Acts 17:16ff)*

Peter said in *Acts 10:43—"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."*

In *Acts 13:32-37*, Paul declared that **Jesus fulfilled the prophecies in David's Psalms**.

**D. To Those Who Understand, The Gospel Thread Runs Throughout The Old Testament Scripture!**

**1. Adam and Eve's Coats Of Skins!**

*(Sinless Substitute And Shedding Of Blood!)*

**2. Abel's Sacrifice!**

*(The Necessity Of The Shedding Of Blood!)*

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3. **Noah And The Ark! (*Identification!*)**
4. **Abraham Offering Isaac On Mount Moriah!  
(*Substitution!*)**
5. **Israel's Redemption From Egypt--Passover Lamb!  
(*Blood Applied!*)**
6. **The Tabernacle In The Wilderness!  
(*Sacrifices-Shedding of Blood!*)**
7. **All Of This And More Pointed Toward The Gospel!  
(*2 Peter 1:16ff*)**

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**III. PAUL'S CONFIDENCE WAS BASED ON THE PERSON OF THE GOSPEL--THE GOSPEL IS BASED ON THE PERSON OF JESUS CHRIST! (*Vs 3*)**

**A. The Gospel Is In A Person!**

1. **The Gospel Is Not In A Performance!**
  - a. **It Is Not In Church Membership!**
  - b. **It Is Not In Faithful Church Attendance!**
  - c. **It Is Not In Giving Of A Tithe!**
  - d. **It Is Not In The Keeping Of The Law!**
  - e. **It Is Not In Living By The Golden Rule!**  
*"Do unto others..."*
  - f. **It Is Not In Good Works!**

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- g. **It Is Not In Participating in Church ordinances--Baptism or Communion!**  
(These are not sacraments--they do not bestow any grace.)
2. **The Gospel Is Not In An Organization!**  
It does not matter whether it is secular or religious organization! It does not matter how noble the purpose!
- B. **The Gospel Is In A Person! (A Specific Person!)**
  1. **The Gospel Is Not In Mankind In General!**  
Secular Humanism
  2. **The Gospel Is Not In Some Other Man or Woman!**
    - a. Mohammed--Muslims (Islam).
    - b. Joseph Smith--Mormons.
    - c. Charles Taze Russell--Jehovah's Witnesses.
    - d. Mary Baker Eddy--Seventh Day Adventist.
    - e. Pope--Roman Catholicism.
    - f. Paul  
*1 Corinthians 1:12-13--"12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 13 Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?"*
  3. **The Gospel Is In Jesus Christ!**
    - a. **He Is The Incarnate Son Of God!**  
(*Emmanuel--God with us!*)  
*John 1:14--"And the Word was made flesh"*  
*Colossians 2:9--"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."*
    - b. **He Is the Infallible Son Of God!**  
*2 Corinthians 5:21--"For He hath made Him to be sin for us Who knew no sin..."*

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**c. He Is The Invariable Son Of God!**

*Hebrews 13:8—“Jesus Christ the same yesterday and today and forever.”*

**4. The Gospel Is In Jesus Christ Alone!**

**a. The Gospel Is Not In Jesus Christ Plus Anything!**

*Galatians 1:8—“But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.”*

**b. The Gospel Is Not In Jesus Christ Minus Anything!**

**1. We Must Not Take Away From Who He Is!**

**2. We Dare Not Take Away From What He Did!**

**c. The Gospel Is In Jesus and Jesus Alone!**

*John 14:6; Acts 4:12*

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