### Romans 1:1-2 (NLT)

This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News. <sup>2</sup> God promised this Good News long ago through his prophets in the holy Scriptures.

### Romans 1:3-4 (NLT)

The Good News is about his Son, Jesus. In his earthly life he was born into King David's family line, <sup>4</sup> and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Romans 1:7 (NLT)

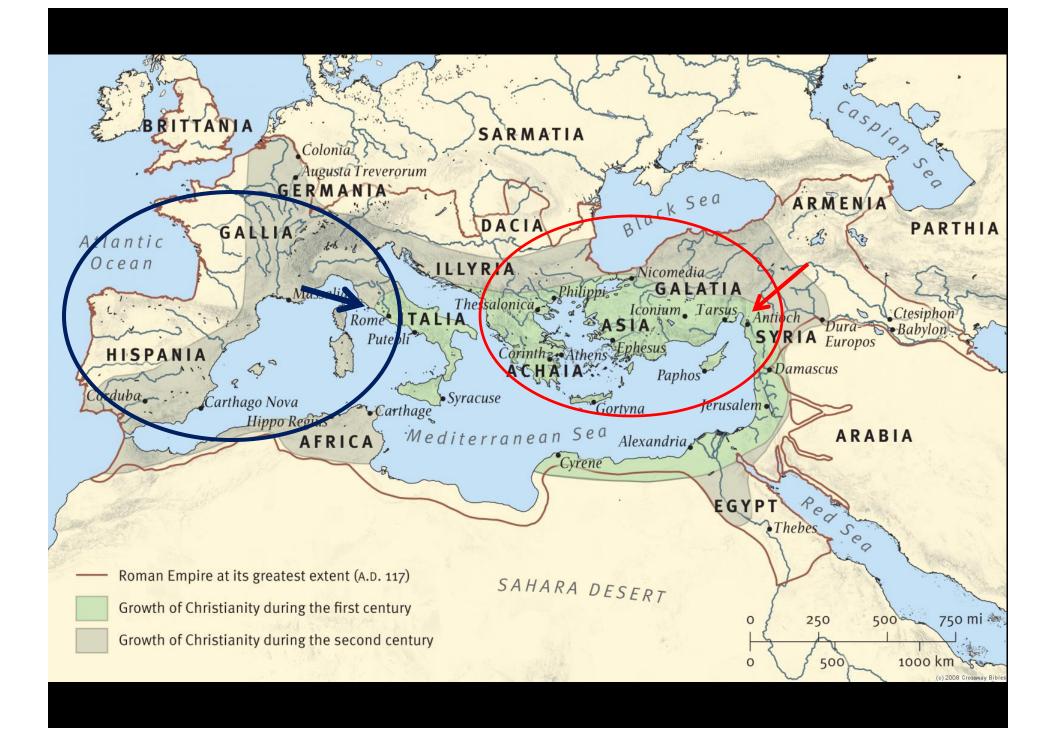
I am writing to all of you in Rome who are loved by God and are called to be his own holy people. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

### I am NOT Ashamed

**Romans 1:14-17** 







#### Romans 1:13 (NLT)

I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to visit you, but I was prevented until now. I want to work among you and see spiritual fruit, just as I have seen among other Gentiles.

Paul knew that in order for the church at Rome to serve as the base for his future ministry, they needed to be convinced of the **Purpose** and **Power** of the **GOSPEL** - the very gospel that he was preparing to take to Spain and beyond. HNTC

- <sup>14</sup> I am **obligated** both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.
- <sup>15</sup> That is why I am so **eager to preach the gospel** also to you who are at Rome.
  - <sup>16</sup> I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God
- for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

## → Paul NEVER got over God's GRACE and MERCY in Forgiving him

of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the SALVATION of everyone who believes...

#### 1 Timothy 1:12-16 (NIV)

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that He considered **ME** faithful, appointing **ME** to His service.

<sup>13</sup> Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man,

I was shown MERCY because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

out on ME abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom

I am the WORST.

MERCY so that in ME, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might DISPLAY His unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on Him and RECEIVE eternal life.

### → We have been SAVED and RESCUED from Eternal Separation from God

Colossians 1:13-14 (NIV)

For **He has RESCUED us** from the dominion of **darkness** and brought us into the **kingdom** of the Son He loves,

in whom we **HAVE REDEMPTION**, the **FORGIVENESS** of sins.

## → Paul felt OBLIGATED, EAGER and UNASHAMED in Sharing the Gospel

- 14 I am obligated...
- 15 ...l am so eager...
- <sup>16</sup> I am not **ashamed** of the gospel...

Paul had been **IMPRISONED** in Philippi, **CHASED** out of Thessalonica, **SMUGGLED** out of Berea, **LAUGHED** at in Athens, regarded as a FOOL in Corinth, and **STONED** in Galatia, but Paul remained EAGER to preach the gospel in Rome. MacArthur

1 Corinthians 1:23-25 (NLT)

So when we preach that Christ was crucified, the Jews are offended and the Gentiles say it's all nonsense.

But to those called by God to salvation, both Jews and Gentiles,
 Christ is the POWER of God and the wisdom of God.

This foolish plan of God is wiser than the wisest of human plans, and God's weakness is stronger than the greatest of human strength.

#### Romans 10:13-14 (NLT)

- For "Everyone who CALLS on the name of the LORD will be saved."
- But how can they **call** on **Him** to save them **unless they believe** in Him?
  - And how can they **believe** in **Him IF** they have never heard about Him?
  - And how can they **hear** about **Him** unless **someone tells them**?

- <sup>16</sup> I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is **the power of God** for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.
- <sup>17</sup> For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is BY FAITH from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith.

**FAITH** - unconditional trust - is the appointed way of receiving God's righteousness.

Faith in the fact that Jesus Christ took our sins upon Himself, taking the punishment we deserved, and in exchange making us

RIGHTEOUS before God. LAB

<sup>17</sup> For in the **gospel** a righteousness **FROM** God is revealed, a righteousness that is **BY faith from FIRST** to **LAST**...

17 This **Good News** tells us how **God**makes us right in His sight. This is
accomplished from **START** to **FINISH**BY faith... (NLT)

# GOSPEL - the Good News of God's Saving Grace, Sustaining Grace, and Ultimate Grace

# Every Aspect of God's SALVATION comes BY FAITH

- ➤ Justification- saved from the PENALTY of sin
- ➤ Sanctification- saved from the POWER of sin
- ➤ Glorification- saved from the PRESENCE of sin

#### Romans 8:29-30 (NIV)

For those God foreknew he also predestined to be **CONFORMED** to the **likeness** of **His Son**, that He might be the firstborn among many brothers.

<sup>30</sup> And those He predestined, He also called; those he called, He also **JUSTIFIED**; those He justified, He also **GLORIFIED**.

### <sup>17</sup> a righteousness FROM God

...a righteousness that is

BY faith from FIRST to LAST...

Philippians 3:7-9 (NIV)

But whatever was to my **profit**I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord,

for whose sake I have lost all things...

Philippians 3:7-9 (NIV)

...I consider them rubbish, that I may gain

Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found IN Him, NOT having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through FAITH in Christ - the righteousness that comes from God and is BY faith.

### <sup>17</sup> a righteousness FROM God

...a righteousness that is

**BY** faith

from **FIRST** to **LAST**...