

(1) "A Bond Servant of Christ": Author and Message of Romans (1:1-7)

Romans: The Outwork of the Righteousness of God

The Author

- “Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God (Rom 1:1 NAU)”
- Born in c. AD 4 (c. 8 yrs Younger Than Jesus)
- Formerly Saul of Tarsus, from the Tribe of Benjamin, a Zealot for the Law, a Pharisee, Rabbinical Student of Gamaliel (Acts 22:3; Phil 3:5-6), Persecutor of the Church (Acts 7:58; 8:1-3; 9:1-2; Gal 1:13-14), a Chief among the Sinners (1 Tim 1:15)

The Author

- In c. AD 34 (1 yr after Jesus' Resurrection), Christ Appeared to Saul on the Road to Damascus, and Converted Him (Acts 9:1-25)
- Saul Immediately Entered Ministry, and Served in Arabia for 3 Years (AD 34-37) (Acts 9:20-25; Gal 1:17; 2 Cor 1:17)
- In AD 37, Paul Paid His 1st Visit to Jerusalem (Acts 9:26-30; Gal 1:18), Meeting the Church Leaders
- Not Well Accepted by the Jews (Christians or Not), God Sent Him to Minister to the Gentiles (Acts 22:17-21), First in His Home Town Tarsus for 7 yrs (AD 37-43) (Acts 9:30; Gal 1:21)

The Author

- In **AD 40**, Saul Was Taken to the 3rd Heaven, and Given Many Revelations (2 Cor 12:1-10)
 - $69 * 7 = 483$
 - $483 * 360 / 365.2422 = 476$
 - $476 - 444 \text{ (BC)} + 1 = \text{(AD)} 33$
 - $483 - 444 \text{ (BC)} + 1 = \text{(AD)} 40$
- In AD 43, He Was Called by Barnabas to Serve in Antioch (Acts 11:25)
- In AD 44, He and Barnabas Did a Famine Relief Mission to Jerusalem (Acts 11:27-12:25)
- They Built up the First Great-Commission-Minded Church in Antioch (AD 44-48) (Acts 13:1)

The Author

- In **AD 48**, Saul Was Ordained as a Missionary Together with Barnabas (Acts 13:2-3)
 - $70 * 7 = 490$
 - $490 - 444 \text{ (BC)} + 1 = \text{(AD) } 47$
- In AD 48, Saul Did His 1st Missionary Journey (to Cyprus and Galatia) (Acts 13-14), During Which He Changed His Name to Paul
- Early 49, They Attended the Council of Jerusalem, the 1st Universal Church Council (Acts 15; Gal 2:1-10), Where It Is Determined That Gentile Do Not Have to Become Jews in Order to Receive Salvation

The Author

- In Later AD 49, Paul Conflicted with Peter (Gal 2:11-21), Separated from Barnabas (Acts 15:36-39), and Wrote His 1st Book (***Galatians***) in Antioch (Gal 2:1)
- In AD 50-51, Paul Did His 2nd Missionary Journey with Silas, Mainly to Macedonia (Philippi) and Achaia (Corinth) (Acts 15-18)
 - During Which He Wrote 1 & 2 ***Thessalonians*** in Corinth in AD 50, About 6 mos. Apart (1 Thess 3:1-5)
 - He Paid a Short Visit to Jerusalem (Acts 18:22)

The Author

- In AD 51-54, Paul Did His 3rd Missionary Journey (Mainly to Ephesus) (Acts 18-22)
 - In Dec 53, He Wrote **1 Corinthians** in Ephesus (1 Cor 16:8)
 - In Jan 54, He Wrote **2 Corinthians** at Macedonia (2 Cor 2:13)
 - In Jan-Mar 54, He Wrote **Romans** during a 3 mos. stay in Corinth (Acts 20:3)
- On Apr 15, 54, Paul Left Philippi for Jerusalem (Acts 20:6), to Deliver the Fund He Raised in the Gentile Churches for the Mother Church in Jerusalem.
- In May 28-29, 54, Paul Was Arrested (Acts 21:27ff.)

The Author

- Paul Regarded Himself as a Bond Servant of Jesus Christ
 - Willing Slave (Exod 21:2-6; Deut 15:12-18)
 - Due to the Love of the Master
- Paul Was Called to Be an Apostle
 - Called by God, Not Men (Self or Others)
 - Apostle = Sent-out
 - Commissioned by Christ
 - Sent to Reach Others

The Message

- Paul Was Set Apart for the Gospel of God
 - God Set Him Apart (Made Holy)
 - His Work Was to Preach the Gospel (Good News)
 - The Gospel Was from God, Not Men
 - The Gospel Is God Sovereignly Saving Men, by Grace
 - Religion Is Men Earning Their Place before God, by Works
 - The Gospel Is Not a Religion, or the Only True Religion

The Message

- “² which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,
- ³ concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,
- ⁴ who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,
- ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake,
- ⁶ among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ” (Rom 1:2-6 NAU)

The Message

- The Gospel Was
 - Prophesied in the OT
 - About the Jesus, the Son of David (King of Israel), Who Is the Son of God in the Flesh
 - Realized by His Death and Resurrection, Which Proves the Divinity of Christ
 - The Way That Men Receive Grace by Placing Faith in the Person and Work of Christ
 - The Reason Paul Was Called to Tell to All the People, including the Church in Rome

The Blessing

- “⁷ to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called *as* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Rom 1:7 NAU)”
 - Blessing:
 - Grace = Cause of Salvation
 - Peace = Effect of Salvation
 - Source of the Blessing
 - God Our Father: By Uniting with the Eternal Son
 - The Lord Jesus Christ: Savior of Lord

Chart of the Book of Romans

The Gospel according to Paul

The Righteousness of God Demands the Right Response from Men

Introduction (1:1-17)	Body (1:18 –15:33)				Conclusion (16:1-27)	
	Theory (1:18)			Application (12:1–15:33)		
	Soteriology (1:18–8:39)		Eschatology			
	Condemnation (1:18 –3:20)	Justification (3:21 –5:21)	Sanctification (6:1 –8:39)	Israel Nation (9:1–11:36)		
Epistolary Greeting (1:1-7) ----- Rapport Building (1:8-15) ----- Thematic Proclaiming (1:16-17)	The Gentiles Are Sinful (1:18-32) ----- The Jews Are Hypocritical (2:1– 3:8) ----- The Humanity Is Excuseless (3:9-20)	The Righteousness of God Is Provided Outside of the Law (3:25-31) ----- The Righteousness of God Is Received by Faith (4:1-25) ----- The Righteousness of God Is Overcoming the Sins of Man (5:1-21)	Believers' New Life Is Dead to Sin (6:1 – 7:6) ----- Believers' Fleshly Body Struggles with Sin (7:7-25) ----- Believers' Victory Is by Working with the Holy Spirit (8:1-39)	The Election of Israel Is by the Sovereignty of God (9:1-29) ----- The Election of the Church Is by the Sovereignty of God (9:30 – 10:21) ----- The Remnant of Israel Will Be Saved by the Sovereignty of God (11:1-36)	Believers Are Called to Live a Life of the Beatitudes (12:1–15:13; cf. Matt 5: 3-10):	The Personal Plans of Paul (15:14-33) ----- The Personal Greetings from Paul (16:1-27)
Paul Loves to Present the Gospel	Paul Explained the Theology of the Gospel: The Reasons behind t/ Conversion in the 2 nd Beatitude The Science of the Original of the Church			Paul Fills the Gap on the Fate of Israel	Paul Urges to Demonstrate a Changes Life	Paul Appreciates the Fellow Workers of God
The Right Response of Men Agrees with the Righteousness of God						
The Theology of the Gospel						