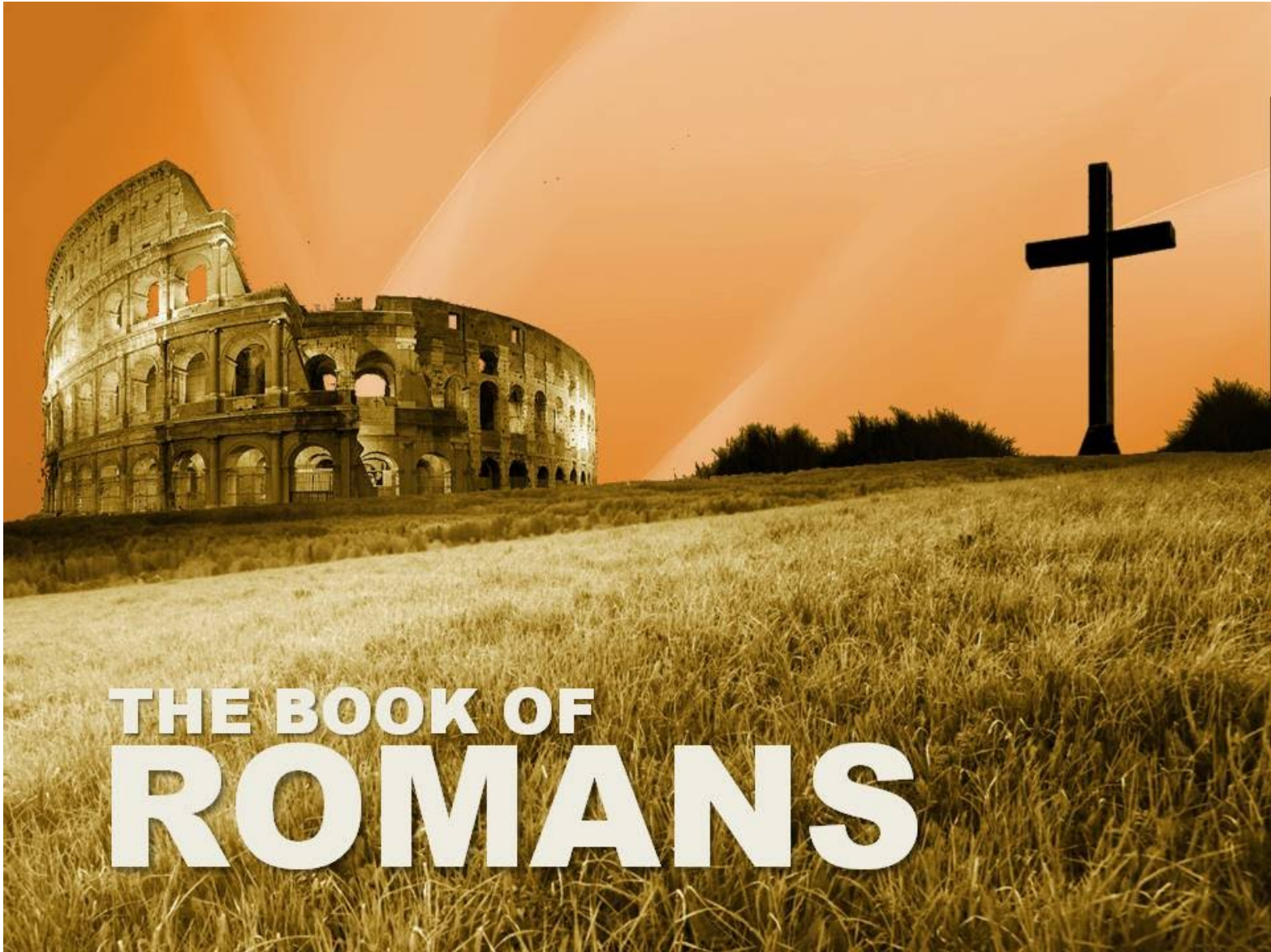


Rom 1:1-4 Set Apart for the Gospel of God



Outline *



The Righteousness of God Revealed-1:1-17

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Blessings of the Gospel and Righteousness -1:16-17

The structure of Paul's letter*



1. The name of the writer or author [from]
2. The person or persons addressed [to]
3. A greeting to the addressed
4. The body of the letter

Ephesians:

¹ **Paul**, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God,
to the saints who are at Ephesus and who are faithful in
Christ Jesus:

² **[greeting]** Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

body of the letter

Romans:



¹ **Paul**, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called *as* an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
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;
⁷ **to** all who are beloved of God in Rome, called *as* saints:
[greeting] Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



- Why does Paul have such a long and detailed description after naming himself ?
- Rom1:10 always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.
- The church at Rome had not met Paul face to face.
- Paul was telling them who he was and the blessings he had received: the blessings of the Gospel, the blessings of who Christ is, and who we [believers] are in Him.

¹ Paul,

- a bond-servant of Christ Jesus,
- called *as* an apostle,
- set apart for the gospel of God,

Outline of Paul's Introduction



² which = **the gospel of God**

- 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

¹ Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called *as* an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,



The following are the blessings given to Paul

1st - Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus

bond-servant – *doulos* - one who was born as a slave, one who was bound to his master and only death could break them. Wuest

How does one become a bond-servant to Jesus Christ ?

Rom 6:17 But thanks be to God that though you were slaves of [the] sin, you became obedient from the heart --- ¹⁸ and having been freed from [the] sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

- All believers are now bond-servants of Christ Jesus positionally.

¹ Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle set apart for the gospel of God,



^{2nd} - [Paul] called as an apostle

called - *klētos* - an appointment to apostleship

- called is an adjective which describes the apostle

apostle – *apostolos* - one who is sent

- Used here by Paul in the narrow sense - Paul and the 12
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- One who saw the resurrected Christ – Paul did!
- 1 Cor 9:1 Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord?
- 1 Cor 15:8 and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

¹ Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called *as* an apostle set apart for the gospel of God,



3rd – [Paul] **set apart for the gospel of God**

set apart - *aphorízō* - to separate or to select some to an office or work (passive voice)

- God selected Paul as an apostle*
 - Gal 1:1 Paul, an apostle (not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father,---).
- It was not Paul's choice nor man's choice, but God's choice.*
- God's selection of Paul as an apostle was permanent.*
(perfect tense)
- For a purpose: unto [for] the gospel of God.*

* Molloy

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More on the **gospel of God***

of God – out from God as the source

- God is the originator and source of the gospel – not Paul, not man
- Gospel = Good news - Paul's good news was not his own.
- Paul's emphasis was not on himself but on God's "good news" to man.
- The gospel is God's "good news" of providing His righteousness to unrighteous man. Rom 1:16,17

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² which He promised beforehand through His prophets
in the holy Scriptures,

which – stands for “the gospel of God”

He promised beforehand - *proepangellō* - to promise before
(aorist tense)

- So God promised beforehand “the gospel of God”
- This is a factual event that happened in the past

through – lit: through the intermediate agency of Wuest

His prophets – Isaiah preached the good news! McCalley

Isa 53:1 Who has believed our message? And to whom has the
arm of the LORD been revealed?

Rom 10:16 However, they did not all heed the good news; for
Isaiah says, LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?

² which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,



in the holy Scriptures [God's written word]

- Isa 53:4 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.
- ⁵ But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.
- Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners.

³ concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,

concerning His Son

concerning - *perí* - around, about, lit: perimeter

- The gospel is not only about Jesus Christ but it surrounds Him.*
- He is the very heart and center of the gospel blessings*
- Paul will now elaborate things about God the Son.

1st - who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh

Interlinear: having come from [the] seed of David
according to the flesh

having come - *ginomai* – lit: to become

- John 1:14a And the Word became flesh



³ concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,



What does “became flesh” mean?

- God the Son came into a new state of being that never existed before.
- The virgin birth gives us more information on how God the Son became flesh.
- All other men were born, God the Son became. McCalley

Next, **a descendant [seed] of David according to the flesh**

- Paul will now tell us about God the Son’s humanity.
- Matt 1:1 Book of the generation of Jesus Christ, Son of David, Son of Abraham.
- Rev 22:16b I [Jesus] am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.

³ concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,



many verses tell us of the blessing of David's descendants

- Luke 1:68b For He [God] has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people, ⁶⁹ And has raised up a **horn of salvation** for us in the house of David His servant.
- Luke 1:32 He [Jesus] will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give Him the **throne of His father David**; ³³ and **He will reign** over the house of Jacob forever, and His kingdom will have no end.
- All nations would be blessed through Abraham's seed.
- David is from the seed of Abraham.
- Abraham's and David's seed is Christ.
- The blessing God provides to man by faith is the same as Abraham received – righteousness.

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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,

[concerning His Son]

2nd - **who was declared** – *horizō* - to mark out, determine
lit: having been designated

the Son of God

with [in] power by the resurrection from the dead

in power – *dynamis* – mighty, miraculous power

- Lit: Jesus Christ was raised out from the dead ones.
- The resurrection was the greatest demonstration of God's power.*
Phil 3:10
- The resurrection is the fulfillment of God's eternal covenant.*
- The resurrection is the proof that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.*
* Molloy

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.



according to the Spirit of holiness,

- It was according to [*kata*] the norm or standard of Jesus Christ our Lord's holiness.
- It is in contrast with according to "the flesh" in v:3 Molloy
- The reference is not to the Holy Spirit but to the spirit of Christ as the seat of the divine nature belonging to His person. Vincent

Jesus Christ our Lord

- Paul will next describe his blessings and our blessings in Christ.

Final Thoughts*



- Jesus was always the Son of God,
- but the Father declared [marked out] Him to be “the Son” by resurrecting Him.
- Jesus did not change in essence—He always was the Son—but in status or function.
- God appointed the Son to a new and more powerful position in relation to the world at the Resurrection.
 - Matt 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.”
- He is now not only the Messiah, but the Lord of all !

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