



Summary

Theme of Romans: The Righteousness of God

- A. The *Righteousness of God Revealed* - **(Blessings)** - 1:1-17
1. **Blessings** to Paul - 1:1
 - (1) A servant of Christ Jesus
 - (2) A called apostle
 - (3) Separated unto the gospel

 2. **Blessings** of The Gospel - 1:2-3
 - (1) God promised the gospel beforehand
 - By His prophets
 - In the holy scriptures
 - (2) The gospel is centered on God's son

 3. **Blessings** of Who Christ Is - 1:4
 - (1) He is "God's Son" - **(deity)**
 - (2) His name is "Jesus" - **(savior)**
 - (3) He is the "Christ" - **(Messiah)**
 - (4) He is "Our Lord" - **(authority)**
 - (5) He is the seed of David - **(humanity)**
 - (6) He is declared the Son of God - **(power)**



Blessings of Who Christ Is

- 1:3,4

Question: What blessings are associated with who Jesus Christ is ? - cont'd

6. He is declared “the Son of God” – Emphasis on power (resurrection) - 1:4

- “in (εν) power”
 - “out of (εκ) the resurrection from the dead”
 - “according to (κατα) a spirit of holiness”
- “declared” - ὀρίζω, *horizō* - to mark out, determine, appoint, declare

Question: How did God mark out or declare Jesus Christ as His eternal son ?

- “in power” - δύναμις, *dynamis* – mighty & miraculous power

Question: How was God’s mighty power demonstrated ?

- By God raising Jesus Christ out from the dead
- The resurrection was the greatest demonstration of God’s power- Phil 3:10
- The resurrection is the fulfillment of God’s eternal covenant - Heb 13:20
- The resurrection is the proof that Jesus Christ is the Son of God

Question: What is “according to a spirit of holiness” ?

- It is in contrast with *according to the flesh* (1:3)
- 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. As God is spirit, the divine nature of Christ is spirit (Jn 4:24) and its characteristic quality is holiness.
(Jn 1:1,14) (Vincent’s Word Studies)



Summary

(4) Blessings of Who We Are In Christ

- 1:5 -7

- (1) We received grace and apostleship
- (2) We are called (elected) ones
- (3) We are beloved of God
- (4) We are called saints
- (5) Grace and peace is continuously supplied



(1) By whom we received grace and apostleship

- “by (*δια*, *dia* – through) whom”
 - God the Father is the source
 - Jesus Christ is the instrumentality
- “we received” – It’s an accomplished fact (aorist tense)
- “grace” - is God’s unmerited favor
 - A gift bestowed on all believers
 - We have perpetual access into His grace by faith - Rom 5:2
 - We stand (are entrenched) in His grace – our eternal position - Rom 5:2
- “and” – has the force of “and in particular”
 - Referring to the special grace of apostleship to Paul - Rom 15:15,16
- “apostleship” - ἀποστολή, *apostole* □; - a specific mission or apostleship
 - This term used only of the 12 plus Paul - Acts 1:25; 1Cor 9:2; Gal 2:8
 - Those who saw the risen Christ - 1Cor 9:1; 15:7,8
 - Those who manifested the signs of an apostle - 2Cor 12:12
 - Those who God gave His authority to - 2Cor 10:8; 13:10

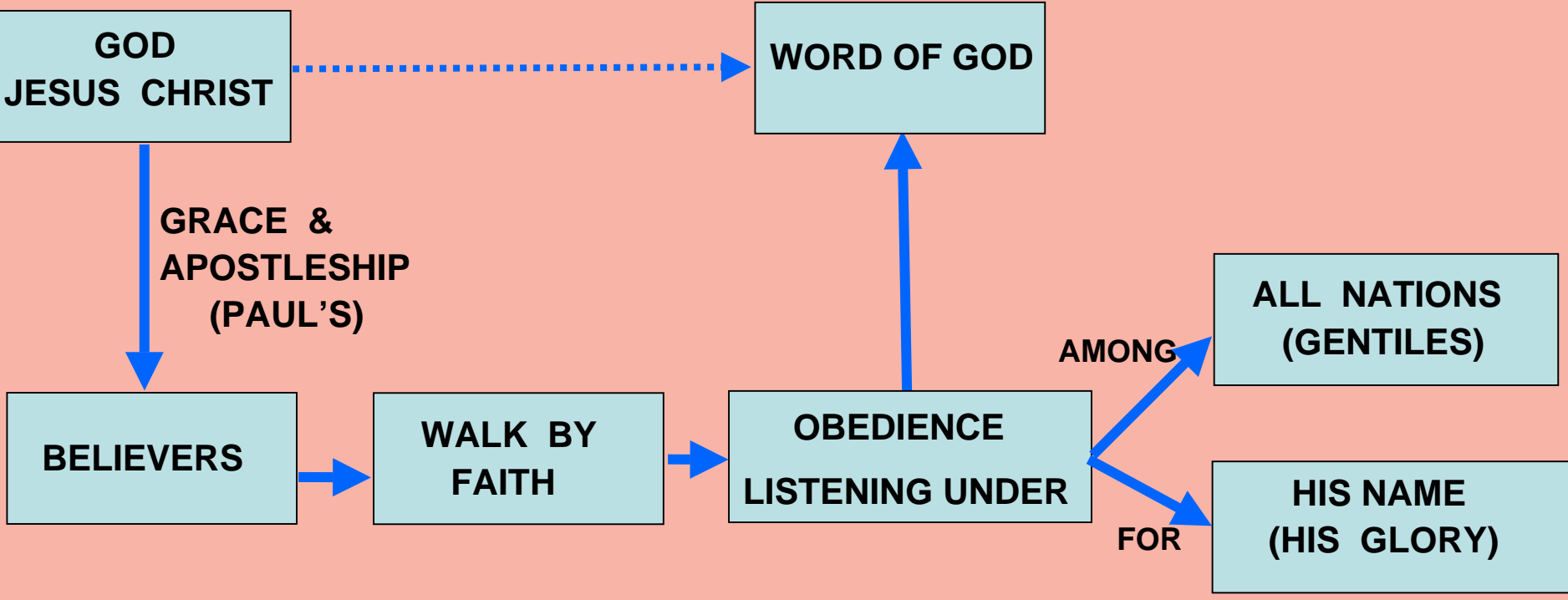


Blessings of Who We Are In Christ

- 1:5 - 7

(1) By whom we received grace and apostleship - Cont'd
for obedience of faith among all nations, for his name:

- “for (εἰς, eis – “unto”) obedience of faith
 - “unto” marks the object of grace & apostleship, i.e. “in order to bring about”
- “obedience” - ὑπακοή, *hypakoē* - is “a listening under” to the Lord via the word
 - Obedience proceeds out from faith as a direct result or fruit (genitive of source)
 - Chronologically & logically faith comes first then obedience or yielding

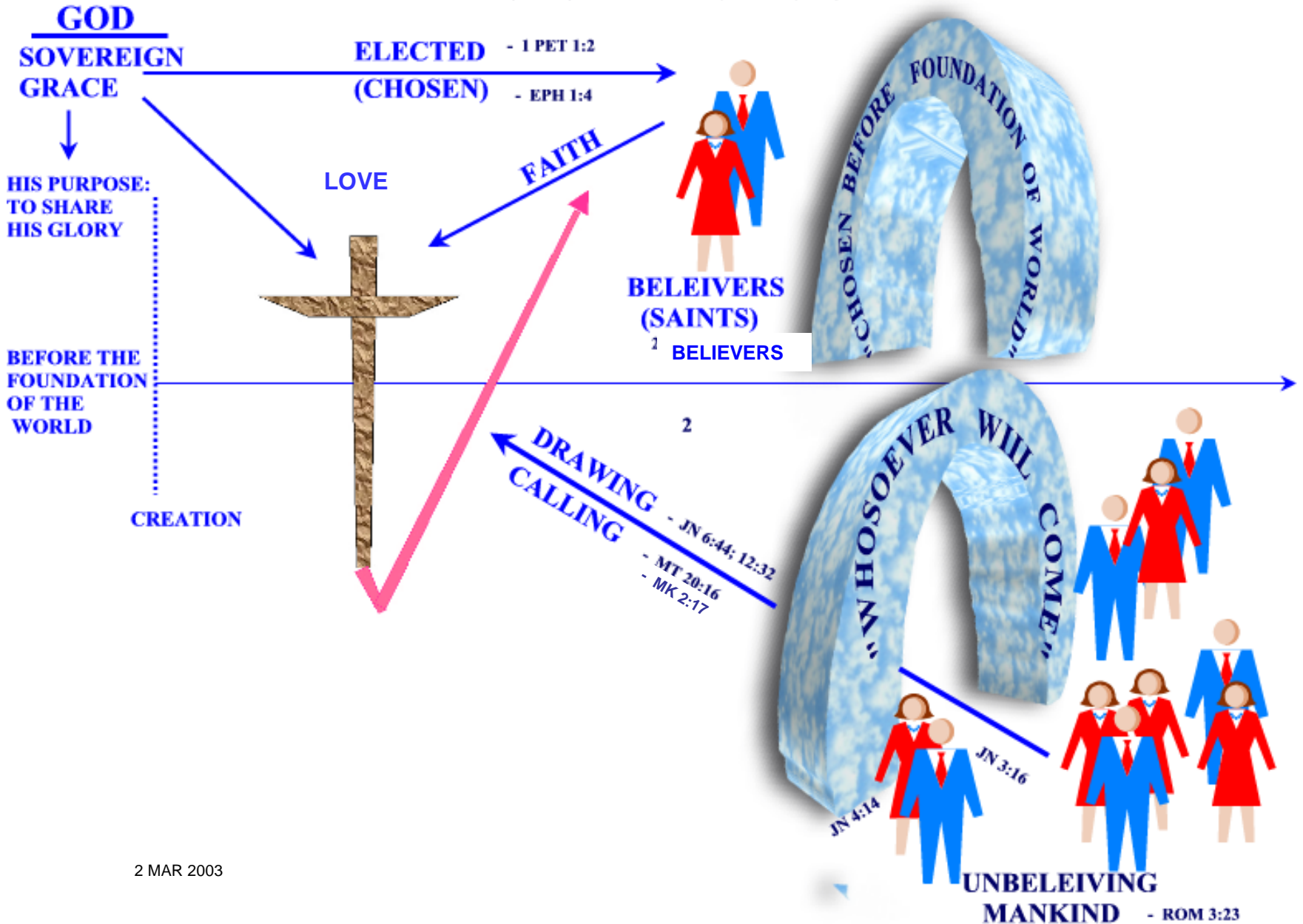




(2) You are called ones - 1:6

- “you are” (called ones) - εἰμί, *eimi* – an essence verb of status quo (existence)
 - We continuously exist as “called ones” – This our position
- “called ones” – κλητός, *klētos* - an invitation, a call, an “appointment”
 - a predicate adjective, describing who we are in Christ = called
- “of Jesus Christ”
 - He is the source of our being a “called one” (genitive of source)
- “Called” or “appointed ones” - it does not depend on human acceptance or rejection
- “Called ones” are only those called (or elected) by God who are in Christ
- “Called ones” never refer to unbelievers
- We were called before the foundation of the world - Eph 1:3,4
- God’s calling is fulfilling His eternal purpose in us – sharing His glory - Rom 9:23,24

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(3) We are beloved of God - 1:7

- “beloved” - ἀγαπητός, *agapētos* – refers to a tender & intimate relationship
- This is how the Father refers to His Son - Mt 3:17
 - God has the same tender & intimate relationship with us (we are in Christ)
 - We can rejoice & rest in His intimate love for us
- Only His children are His “beloved”
- Unbelievers are loved by God, but are not His “beloved” - Jn 3:16
- Nothing can separate us from being His beloved - Rom 8:35



Blessings of Who We Are In Christ

- 1:5 -7

(4) We are called saints

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- “called” - κλητός, *klētos* – idea of “saints by calling”, or “appointed saints”
- “saint” - ἅγιος, *hagios* – one who is set apart, holy
- Every believer is called or appointed by God as a saint -2 Thes 1:10, Eph 5:27
- Every believer is set apart to God by God
- Sainthood is not an attainment
- Sainthood is the position into which God calls every believer
- Believers living in sin are still saints - 1 Cor 1:2

(5) Grace & peace is continuously supplied

1:7

- The only source of grace & peace is from the Father & the Son - 1 Cor 1:3; Gal 1:3
- Grace & peace is God’s constant supply to you - 2 Cor 9:8
- God desires that we walk in His grace & peace - Col 2:6
- God abundantly supplies His grace & peace to us for His glory - 2 Cor 4:15
- God’s abundant peace guards our hearts and minds - Phil 4:7