

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

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: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Romans 1:1-7)

Paul's Apostleship

1. Ground

- *the grace of the Lord Jesus*
 - Paul's calling as an apostle was a gift of grace through the risen Lord Jesus (cf. 15:15-16)

Paul's Apostleship

2. Purpose

- *"the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles"*
 - Paul was uniquely called as the "Apostle to the Gentiles" (non-Jewish) (cf. Gal. 2:7-8)
 - Paul was driven by the missionary nature of his calling – "all the nations"

Paul's Apostleship

2. Purpose

- *"the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles"*
 - Paul called Gentiles to a faith that was always inseparable from obedience and to obedience that could never be separated from faith

Paul's Apostleship

3. Motive

- *"for His name's sake"*
 - Paul's ministry was on behalf of Christ for the exaltation of Christ's name

Paul's Apostleship

4. Application

➤ *"among whom also are you"*

- the Romans Christians belonged within the sphere of Paul's apostolic commission (and so do we) (cf. Rom. 15:15-16)

Paul's Apostleship

4. Application

➤ *"among whom also are you"*

- called of Jesus Christ
- beloved of God
- called as saints
- recipients of grace and peace from God