

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE

ROMANS

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Getting the Most Out of This Study

Format: This study works well for individuals, small groups, or in a large group setting with a teacher. *A teacher guide is available.* The study is designed to be completed during a typical ministry year, September through early May, but it can be used at any time.

NASB – This version is referenced for all lessons in the study. For example, if a question refers to the third word of a verse, this is the translation that should be used to answer the question.

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Features: The study includes 22 Bible Study Lessons and an introductory lesson.

Look for the following features that will help you dig deeper into the study.



For Discussion: *These questions are designed for use in small group discussions. They encourage reflection and personal application of the study.*

➤ For Further Study

These questions offer study suggestions to help you gain further understanding about specific topics or portions of scripture.



This symbol introduces a Bible verse, either from Romans or from other portions of Scripture that relate to the teaching in Romans.



This empty tomb symbol in the margin introduces a quote from a leading Christian author, speaker, or Bible commentary.

Don't skip these! Each quote offers additional insight into a topic that is covered on that page.

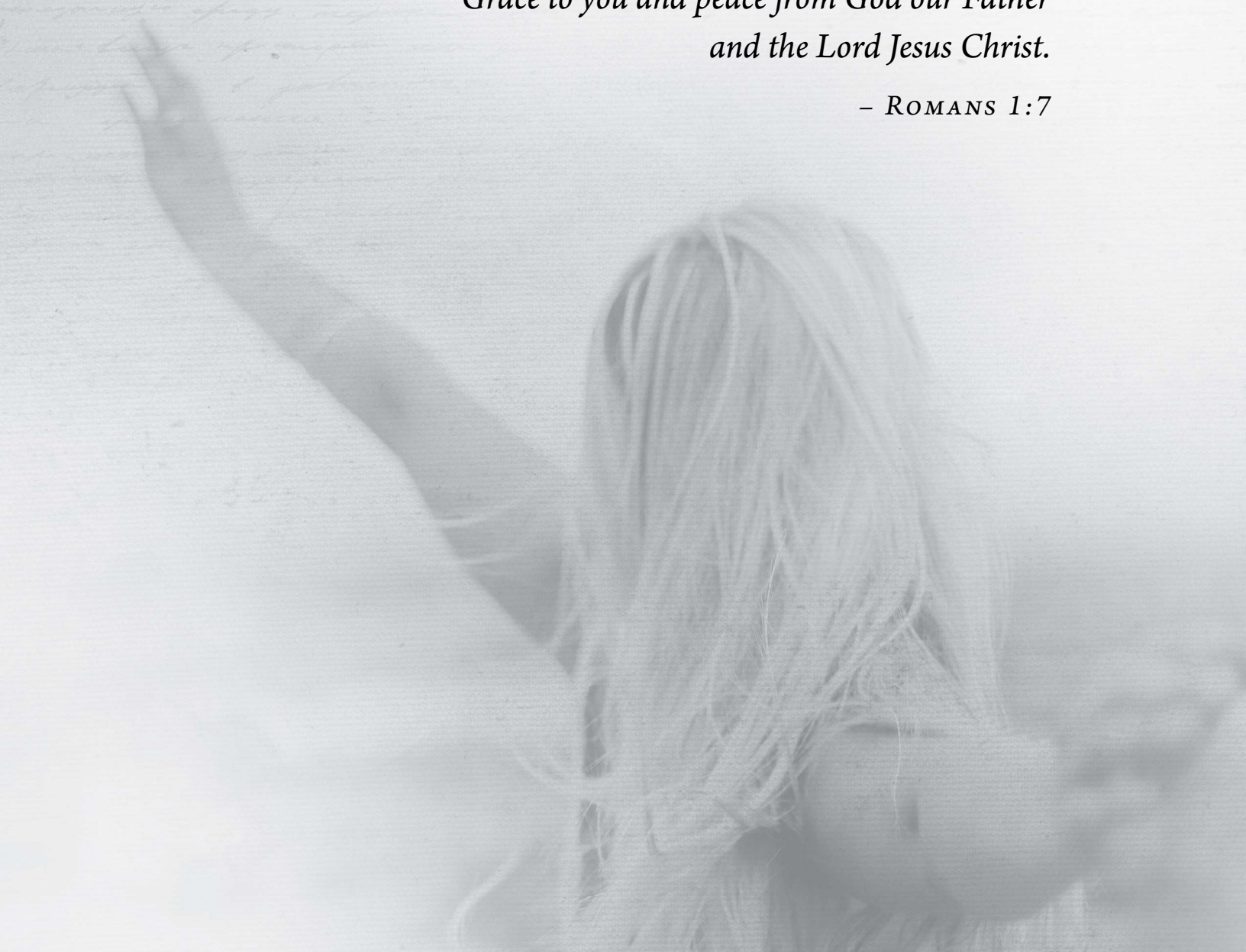
Lesson

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Romans 1:1-7

*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 1:7



Lesson 1: Romans 1:1-7

Ask God to help you understand and apply His perfect Word.

Put a check in the blank each time you read the passage. Try using different translations.

____ Romans 1:1-7

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Read Romans 1:1-7

1. The first word of chapter 1 tells us who wrote the book of Romans. Who is it?
2. List how Paul describes himself in verse 1. Remember, he has never met the people to whom this letter is written. What did he want them to know about himself?
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.



“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.”


1 CORINTHIANS

6:19-20

➤ For Further Study

- a. Research the Greek word for servant in verse 1.
- b. Interesting...who else is a servant of God? Romans 6:22, 1 Peter 2:16
- c. How does 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 relate to your being a servant/slave?
- d. There is encouragement for you in 1 Corinthians 15:58 as you work for the Lord and serve Him. What is that encouragement?
- e. How is Jesus described in Philippians 2:7?

3. What does Paul's description of himself reveal about his heart, his view of himself, and his priorities?

4.  **For Discussion:** *If you were to describe yourself, what aspects or qualities would you share or focus on? What would your description reveal about your heart? Does your life reveal that you are a servant, rather a slave, belonging to Jesus Christ?*

5. What do you already know about Paul from previous studies?



*"I have fought
the good fight,
I have finished
the course,
I have kept
the faith;"*

—

2 TIMOTHY 4:7

➤ For Further Study

6. What information regarding Paul is found in these verses?

a. Philippians 3:5

b. Acts 16:37, 22:25

c. Acts 22:3

d. Acts 22:4

e. Acts 23:6

f. 2 Corinthians 10:10

g. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

h. 2 Timothy 4:7



*“For if I preach
the gospel,
I have nothing
to boast of,
for I am
under compulsion;
for woe is me
if I do not
preach the gospel.”*

1 CORINTHIANS

9:16

7. Summarize Paul's calling from these verses: Acts 9:15; Acts 22:14-15; Acts 26:16-18

➤ For Further Study

8. Find out from 1 Corinthians 1:1 and Galatians 1:1 who commissioned Paul to be an apostle.

9. How did Paul feel about his calling?

a. 1 Corinthians 9:16

b. 1 Corinthians 15:9

10. Galatians 1:15 tells us when God set Paul apart for the gospel. When was it?

11. What does the word “gospel” mean? Look in a dictionary if necessary.

12. Why is it significant that Paul used the phrase “gospel of God” in verse 1?

➤ For Further Study

13. List the facts given in 1 Corinthians 15:3-5 regarding the gospel.

14. Read Romans 1:2 and answer these questions.

- a. To what does God's promise refer? (See the very end of verse 1)
- b. When was the promise made?
- c. Find out what is said about this promise in Genesis 3:15.
- d. Whom did He use to communicate the promise?
- e. Can you list any of them?
- f. What part of the Bible is referred to by the phrase "holy Scriptures"?

📖 For Further Study

15. What do you learn about the prophets of Romans 1:2 in 1 Peter 1:10-12? Did they fully understand what and Whom they were writing about?

📖 For Further Study

16. Read Isaiah 9:6-7 and 53:1-12 and record what is stated regarding the Messiah.

17. Find out what Jesus said about the Old Testament Scriptures in John 5:39!!!

18. Link the last four words of Romans 1:1 with the first three words of 1:3. Who is the gospel about?



**"It is estimated
that the Old Testament
contains at least 332
prophecies about Christ,
most of which
were fulfilled
at His first coming."**

—
JOHN MACARTHUR



*“And the Word
became flesh,
and dwelt
among us,
and we saw
His glory,
glory as of the
only begotten
from the Father,
full of grace
and truth.”*
JOHN 1:14

19. List what you learn about God’s Son from Romans 1:3-4.

20. Underline in your Bible the phrases in verses 3 and 4 that teach He was fully human and fully God.

➤ For Further Study

21. What do these verses add regarding His two natures?

a. Romans 9:5

b. John 1:14

➤ For Further Study

22. What does the Old Testament prophesy regarding the Messiah being a descendant of David?

a. 2 Samuel 7:12-13

b. Psalm 89:3-4

c. Isaiah 11:1-5

d. Jeremiah 23:5-6


23. Record Who Jesus says He is in Revelation 22:16.

24. The end of Romans 1:4 finally names the Son of God. What is the significance of each word? Knowing their Greek meanings is helpful.

a. Jesus

b. Christ

c. Lord

25.  **For Discussion:** *Can it be truthfully, actually proved that Jesus Christ is absolutely the Lord of your life? Is He Lord over some areas but not others? What changes must be made in order for Him to be Lord of all? Is there a particular area you are working on right now?*

26. What did the resurrection prove beyond all doubt according to verse 4a?


27. Verse 5 tells us that through Jesus, we have received what two things?

a.

b.

28. Since the word “apostle” means “one who is sent”, how are we apostles in the broad, general sense of the word?

29. Verse 5 tells us why we have received grace and are being sent. Why?

30.  **For Discussion:** *In what ways can you bring about the obedience of faith in unbelievers and in your own life?*



“Grace is unearned,
unmerited favor,
in which a believer
does not, and cannot
contribute anything
of worth.
It is God’s
loving mercy
through which He grants
salvation as a gift
to those who trust
in His Son.”

—

JOHN MACARTHUR