

## *Lesson 1 ~ Romans 1:1-17*

### **NIV**

**1** Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— **2** the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures **3** regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, **4** and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. **5** Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. **6** And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

**7** To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

**8** First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. **9** God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you **10** in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.

**11** I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— **12** that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. **13** I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

**14** I am obligated both to Greeks and Non-greeks, both to the wise and the foolish.

**15** That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome.

**16** I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. **17** For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

### **NLT**

**1** This letter is from Paul, Jesus Christ's slave, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News. **2** This Good News was promised long ago by God through his prophets in the holy Scriptures. **3** It is the Good News about his Son, Jesus, who came as a man, born into King David's royal family line. **4** And Jesus Christ our Lord was shown to be the Son of God when God powerfully raised him from the dead by means of the Holy Spirit. **5** Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority to tell Gentiles everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name. **6** You are among those who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ, **7** dear friends in Rome. God loves you dearly, and he has called you to be his very own people. May grace and peace be yours from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**8** Let me say first of all that your faith in God is becoming known throughout the world. How I thank God through Jesus Christ for each one of you. **9** God knows how often I pray for you. Day and night I bring you and your needs in prayer to God, whom I serve with all my heart by telling others the Good News about his Son.

**10** One of the things I always pray for is the opportunity, God willing, to come at last to see you.

**11** For I long to visit you so I can share a spiritual blessing with you that will help you grow strong in the Lord. **12** I'm eager to encourage you in your faith, but I also want to be encouraged by yours. In this way, each of us will be a blessing to the other.

**13** I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, that I planned many times to visit you, but I was prevented until now. I want to work among you and see good results, just as I have done among other Gentiles. **14** For I have a great sense of obligation to people in our culture and to people in other cultures, to the educated and uneducated alike.

**15** So I am eager to come to you in Rome, too, to preach God's Good News.

**16** For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes—Jews first and also Gentiles. **17** This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."