

Romans 1:1-17

Called To Be A Saint

Welcome back and here we go! Today we begin the long journey into Romans. Our class today will be a little different in that you lucky people get to start from the beginning! This means you get history, an outline, theology and purpose. I hope you revisit this as we continue on this journey. So today, we start with our outline.

- 1) What are your thoughts on the Book of Romans?

Romans has so much to offer us in regards to instructions. But today we will start with identity and purpose! Who are you in Christ and what are you doing here? For some, purpose is elusive, for others identity and worth is the problem.

No matter where you are mentally or emotionally, God's Word stands true and you are who HE says you are, not who you subjectively suppose you are!

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- 2) What stands out to you?

In *verse 1*, Paul starts out by establishing who He is and what is his purpose. He was called to be an Apostle for the purpose of spreading the Gospel, specifically, the Good News of Salvation through Jesus Christ! Then he goes into his salutation in *verse 7*.

- 3) What does it mean you have been called to be a saint?

1 Peter 2:1-10

Again, we see identity and purpose, which many of us need to be reminded of. We were called out of darkness, not to the edge, but OUT. There really is no clearer description of our identity in Christ than here. In *verse 1*, Paul says, he is "*separated to the Gospel*", which is indicative that we are also. In fact, next week, we will be doing the Romans Road, and it starts here at *Romans 1:16-17*.

Our calling --- our summons --- out of darkness --- that we may proclaim --- our purpose --- again the Gospel.

Matthew 28:18-20

- 4) How do you primarily share the Gospel?

We can share the Gospel in many ways, but what we cannot do is NOT SHARE!

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- 5) What does it mean to be ashamed of the Gospel?

There are many ways to process this, but the bottom line is anytime H.V.P. (Human Viewpoint) --- human emotions or thoughts --- are involved, we can become reticent to share. So, in those cases we must examine ourselves and ask why. *Why didn't I want to share?*

- 6) ***Romans 1:17*** – What is *Faith to Faith*?

I pray we each continue in our faith as we discover more about our identity and purpose.

Next week: Romans Road