

Introduction to Romans

1:1-7

Paul's credentials, 1:1

A bond-servant (slave): Phil. 1:1, Gal. 1:10 (us in Col. 4:12)

An apostle: I Cor. 1:1, 9:1 w/great authority, I Cor. 14:37-38

Set apart for the gospel of God: Gal. 1:15,16, Acts 13:2

Paul's message, 1:2-4

The gospel is rooted in the OT: Acts 24:14,15, 26:22,23

The gospel is about Jesus: He is divine & of Davidic descent.

Paul's point =

Paul's mission, 1:5,6

To bring the obedience of faith (16:26) to the called Gentiles:

called also in 1:1,7, 8:28 = those belonging to Jesus,

I Cor. 1:2, 24, Rev. 17:14 (God takes the initiative.)

Paul's recipients, 1:7

To all called as saints (holy ones) in Rome: Paul wrote to motivate believers to live obediently. Note Paul's common greeting of grace and peace, Eph. 1:1, Phil. 1:2.

Focus and Chronology of Paul's NT Epistles

AD 49

1ST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Soteriology

Galatians

AD 51

2ND MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Eschatology

I,II Thessalonians

AD 55-57

3RD MISSIONARY JOURNEY

Soteriology

I,II Corinthians, Romans

AD 60-62

FIRST IMPRISONMENT

Christology

Ephesians, Colossians
Philemon, Philippians

AD 62-67

SECOND IMPRISONMENT

Ecclesiology

I Timothy, Titus, II Timothy