



The Book of Romans

Tuesday Bible Study at St. John Lutheran Church

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The Salutation: Romans 1:1-7

What did we learn last week about the author, date, genre, place of writing, recipients, and purpose of Romans?

If Paul were going to send a letter to our church, what would be his topics?

“What salvation through Christ means is described here with a thoroughness and breadth that has no comparison in any other book of the Bible. If Romans sometimes sounds strange or completely shocking to a modern reader, it is because so many live in ignorance of what the gospel really means. All the more reason to read it with careful consideration.” – Bo Giertz

Romans 1:1-2

What does Paul call himself? Do you think of yourself in these terms?

^{LSB} **Romans 1:1** Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, having been set apart for the gospel of God,

Can Paul really consider himself an Apostle?

Acts 1:21-22 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us- one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.

For what is Paul set apart? When was the Gospel first promised?

Romans 1:3-4

What does Paul do with his greeting that is unique?

What two truths does Paul make known about Jesus?

“The gospel deals with God’s Son and says something that many in our day would call ‘dogma’ or ‘theology.’ The gospel says that Christ is both God and man.” – Bo Giertz

With what action do we see that Jesus is the Son of God? What is the Spirit called?

Romans 1:5-6

From whom does Paul have grace and apostleship?

What do grace and apostleship bring about?

What is the extent of the Gospel?

^{NLT} **Romans 1:5** 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.

How do obedience and faith work together?

Romans 16:25-27 Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

Romans 1:7

Who are Paul’s recipients?

What are they called to be?

What do you make of his typical greeting, “Grace to you and peace...”?

Why does he only mention the Father and Son?

1 Corinthians 1:3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.