

**ROMANS – OUR MESSAGE TO THE WORLD**  
AMEN Bible Study 2015-2016

**The Greatest Epistle Ever Written**

Romans 1:1-7

September 17, 2015

**I. The Gospel Messenger is Divinely Appointed (v. 1)**

**A. Unlikely**

*“ Paul,..... ”*

**B. Devoted**

*“ ....a servant of Jesus Christ.... ”*

**C. Commissioned**

*“...called to be an apostle... ”*

- 1. Eyewitness of resurrected Jesus**
- 2. Commissioned personally by Jesus**
- 3. Signs and Wonders**

**D. Sanctified**

*“...set apart for the gospel of God... ”*

**II. The Gospel Message is Divinely Revealed(2-5)**

**A. Foretold by God’s Prophets (2)**

*“...which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures... ”*

**77 quotations from the Old Testament**

**B. Focused on God’s Son (3, 4)**

*Jesus – 37 times*

*Christ – 66 times*

**1. Human Genealogy (3)**

*“...concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh... ”*

Cf. II Samuel 7:2-16; Is. 11:1-5; Jer. 23:5,6; Ez. 34:23, 24

**2. Divine Sonship (4a)**

*“...and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead... ”*

Cf. Mt. 14:33; 16:16; Lk.1:35; 4:41; John 1:49; 10:36; 11:27; 20:31

**3. Lordship (4b)**

*“...Jesus Christ our Lord... ”*

Cf. Phil. 2:11; Col. 1:15-20

### **C. Designed for God's Purposes (5)**

Cf. Rom. 16:25-27

#### **1. For Spiritual Fruit**

*"...through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith...."*

Cf. Rom. 1-8; 12-15

#### **2. To Glorify God**

*"...through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith..."*

Cf. Rom. 11:33-36; 16:25-27

#### **3. Among all Nations**

*"...among all the nations..."*

Cf. Rom. 16:26; Mt. 28:19; Jn. 10:16

### **III. The Gospel People are Divinely Called (6-7a)**

#### **A. To belong to Jesus (6)**

*"...including you are called to belong to Jesus Christ...."*

#### **B. To remain in this world (7a)**

*"...to all those in Rome...."*

#### **C. To be loved by God (7b)**

*"...who are loved by God..."*

#### **D. To be saints (7c)**

*"...and called to be saints..."*

### **IV. The Gospel Blessings are Divinely Given (7b)**

#### **A. The Gospel Blesses (7b)**

*"Grace to you and peace...."*

Cf. Is. 9:6, 7; Jn. 14:27

#### **1. Peace with God – Romans 5:1**

#### **2. Peace of God – Phil. 4:7**

#### **3. Peace with Neighbor – Rom. 12:18**

#### **4. Peace with Created Order – Is. 11:6-9**

#### **B. God is the Giver (7c)**

*"...from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."*

## **AMEN Discussion Questions – Romans 1:1-7**

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1. How does Paul's life encourage and challenge you in your walk with God?
2. What is the gospel? Why is it "good news?"
3. Why is it essential to the gospel that Jesus Christ be both fully human and fully God? Why do many today deny these truths?
4. Describe how the gospel is designed in such a way that it is a blessing to everybody of all ages and all cultures through all time.
5. What does Paul say in verses 6 and 7 about his people that is especially encouraging to you? Why?

### **Going Deeper**

1. Are you ready to commit yourself to nine months of consistent study of Romans? Are you willing to commit to being in the Fellowship Hall every Thursday at 6:20, unless sick or required to be out of town? If you are sick or out of town, will you commit to listen to the session on the website before the next session?
2. Is there any reason in your heart, of which you are aware, that you are not willing to put into practice the things you will learn in AMEN this year? If so, are you willing to discuss those reservations with one of the men in AMEN?
3. Are you sure that you have put your faith in Jesus Christ for your salvation? If not, are you willing to share this information with an AMEN attender?