

Romans 1:1-7

LW – End/Historical Book of Acts, Not End/Paul’s Life or Acts

TW – Go back in time 3 yrs - Begin Book/Paul’s Letter to Romans

* Written from Greece; 3rd Journey Acts 20:2-3; Corinth (16:23)

* Written to Believing Gentiles (1:13, 11:13) From Acts 2:10?

“Romans is a letter of instruction touching upon those main truths of the Gospel that Paul felt were needed by those in Rome.” (Wycliffe)

“St. Augustine was converted through reading Romans. Martin Luther launched the Reformation on Rom. 1:17: “The just shall live by faith.”

John Wesley, founder of Methodism, was converted while listening to someone read from Luther’s commentary on Romans.” W. Wiersbe

V1

* From: Paul/Bondservant/Called/Apostle

* Separated to the Gospel of God – Good News! We could use some!

V2-3

* Promised before through Holy Prophets in Holy Scriptures

* Concerning - His Son Jesus Christ – Born/Seed David/Flesh

* **Isaiah 9:6-7; Isa 11:1; Matt 1:5-6; Lk 3:31-32**

Matthew 7:13-14 ¹³“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

* **Son** – John 3:16

Hebrews 1 – spoken through His Son...to which/angels...

V4

* Declared to be Son of God, w/power, Spirit, by Resurrection/Dead

Matthew 28:5-7 ⁵But the angel answered and said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. ⁷And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you.”

I Corin 15:1-8 – Gospel of Resurrection of Jesus Christ

I Corin 15:17-20 – Christ has risen from the dead!

V5

* Through Him we have received Grace & Apostleship

* Grace - good will, loving-kindness, favour - of the merciful kindness by which God, exerting his holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, keeps, strengthens, increases them in Christian faith, knowledge, affection, and kindles them to the exercise of the Christian virtues. (Strong’s)

* Used more in Romans than any other book in the Bible!

* **Here, 1:7; 3:23-24; 11:5-6; 16:20 & 24**

* Apostleship – Sent out; a delegate/messenger with orders

* For obedience to the FAITH - Luke 6:46 ⁴⁶“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?”

V6 - You too! You have also have been called Apostleship/Obedience

V7a

* To: All in Rome - Beloved/God John 3:16 – For God so LOVED

* Called to be Saints (Hagios)

1 Corinthians 1:2 ²To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who are sanctified (*hagiazō /hag-ee-ad-zō*) in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all who in every place call on the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours: (Tense/Perfect; Voice/Passive)

V7b – Grace & Peace to you - You never read peace and grace be unto you and the reason being is that you cannot know the peace of God until you know the grace of God. It is not until you know the grace of God until you can enter into the rest that God has for His people. As long as you are trying to be good enough to be accepted by God you will always be struggling, you’ll never be at peace.

Romans 5:1 ¹Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Communion

* Good News, Promise/Prophets/Scriptures, Son of God, Resurrection/Dead, Forgiveness of Sins, Receiving of Grace, Peace of God...

* All found in Jesus, the Christ, the Son of God, Resurrected Savior...

* When we make Him our Lord and Savior