

## Overview

**1-V1-3** Paul introducing himself to the Roman church says that he is a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ-- \_\_\_\_\_ by God the father to be an apostle, the highest position in the Kingdom of God, to preach his Good News about His \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ who makes a second chance possible for people to become God's own people again.

**2-V3-4** Paul puts in clear writing who Jesus is. "He is all of God in human body." (Col. 2:9) He is God's \_\_\_\_\_ and also mankind's son. He came as a \_\_\_\_\_ born a descendant of Israel's greatest king \_\_\_\_\_. Jesus was proven to be the Son of God when God powerfully \_\_\_\_\_ him from the \_\_\_\_\_ by means of His \_\_\_\_\_.

**3-V5-7** Paul's special calling was to make Jesus, who was the whole world's savior, known to the \_\_\_\_\_, the non Jews—in this case the Roman Christians. He says that sharing with them is not a burden but a \_\_\_\_\_. And he speaks on God's \_\_\_\_\_.

**4-V8-12** Paul lets them know how much he cares about them even though he has not met them in person yet. He \_\_\_\_\_ for the day and \_\_\_\_\_. One of the things he prays for is that he might have an opportunity to come to Rome and share a spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ with them to help them grow \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord.

**5-V16** The heart of the Good News is that God dies a criminal's death on the shameful cross. Something that is nonsense and offensive to the world that always wants to look good. Paul declares "For I am not \_\_\_\_\_ of this Good News about Christ. It is the \_\_\_\_\_ of God at \_\_\_\_\_ saving \_\_\_\_\_ who \_\_\_\_\_-- Jews first and also \_\_\_\_\_. This Good News tells us how God makes us \_\_\_\_\_ in His sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by \_\_\_\_\_. It is through faith that a righteous person (one made right with God) has \_\_\_\_\_."

**6-V18-20** There are sinful, \_\_\_\_\_ people who make God \_\_\_\_\_ because they push the \_\_\_\_\_ away -- A knowledge about Himself that He has put in every human \_\_\_\_\_. Secondly He has shown His eternal \_\_\_\_\_ and divine \_\_\_\_\_ in the earth and skies and all that He has \_\_\_\_\_. As far as God is concerned there is no \_\_\_\_\_ for not knowing Him

**7-V 21-23** Their problem is that they don't want to \_\_\_\_\_ the glorious and ever living God or give Him \_\_\_\_\_. They want to worship themselves and take credit for things themselves. In order to pull this off they have to think up \_\_\_\_\_ ideas of what God is like. The result of this is that their minds became \_\_\_\_\_ and confused. Claiming to be wise they became \_\_\_\_\_. And bowed before man made \_\_\_\_\_

**8-V24-25** These people will not listen so God let them have it their way. Cut off from God's goodness and holiness--what was left was vile and \_\_\_\_\_. Lies. They worshiped the things God \_\_\_\_\_ not the \_\_\_\_\_ Himself.

**9-V26-28** Their sexual relationships became perverted --- they had shameful \_\_\_\_\_. They fell into same sex relationships. Men lusted for men and did shameful things. They refused to acknowledge God so He \_\_\_\_\_ them to their \_\_\_\_\_ minds let them do things that should never be done.

**10-V 29** "Their lives became full of every kind of \_\_\_\_\_, sin, \_\_\_\_\_ hate, \_\_\_\_\_, murder,

\_\_\_\_\_deception, malicious \_\_\_\_\_ and gossip. They are backstabbers, haters of \_\_\_\_\_, insolent, \_\_\_\_\_ and boastful. They are forever inventing new ways of \_\_\_\_\_

**11-V32** They are fully \_\_\_\_\_ of God's \_\_\_\_\_penalty for those who do these things yet they go right ahead and do them \_\_\_\_\_. And worse yet, they \_\_\_\_\_ others to do them too."

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**1.V 1** \_\_\_\_\_ God's freeman is first of all the slave of Jesus Christ. How can this be?...But so it is. We will be ruled by our corrupted lower nature and the inner whisperings of unclean spirits, and carried along by the tide of the world's ways...or we will yield our wills to Christ... Who sets us free to be the real spiritual person God created us to be. Jesus Himself became a slave to save us. Philippians 2:3-5

**2.V3** \_\_\_\_\_ There are three positions about who and what Jesus Christ was like. (1) He was a great man (2) He was God and his body only appeared to be flesh and blood and bone. (3) He was totally a man and totally God in one life. The Christian Church spent the first 300 years of its existence getting this settled. The Nicene Creed puts it..."I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God. Begotten of His Father before all world, God of God, Light of Light, VERY GOD OF VERY GOD, Begotten, not made. Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, AND WAS MADE MAN: And was crucified for us....."

**3. V 6** \_\_\_\_\_ People are called to belong to Jesus – to be resurrected in personality today – and resurrected in body in the world to come—to belong in God's house To be called means it is God's doing—It is His grace. "For people can't come to me unless the Father who sent me draw them to me.." John 6:44 On the other hand, "Those whom God foreknew (would respond to Him) He called." Romans 8:29

**4. V16** \_\_\_\_\_ There is a great power of intimidation in this world—the hostility of rebellious man and devil toward the Son of God. We can talk about "god as we understand him to be till the cows come home and be accepted. But say "Jesus" and all hell breaks loose. This is because He is the "ONLY" one—the Only Savior and the One crucified to save us from our sin. To acknowledge Jesus means we have to admit His total Lordship and our desperate need to be saved. Jesus said, "If anyone acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will openly acknowledge that person before my Father in heaven. But if anyone denies me here on earth, I will deny that person before my Father in heaven." Matthew 10:32

**5.V17** \_\_\_\_\_ The protestant Reformation began with this verse. The Romans Catholic Church had lost grace and was a religion of works. Martin Luther had a tormented conscience because of his inability to be pure and righteous. One day He understood what this verse and others like it meant---Jesus is our righteousness. "He became sin that we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:20

6. V 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Conventional wisdom says people don't believe in God because He's unseen. If someone says --"I have met God" conventional wisdom says that's in their mind only. Father God says that they don't believe in me because they are rebels and choose not to—they want to be their own god. There is overwhelming evidence in the creation and in the depths of the human soul to prove that God is real. It is no accident that the rebels attack creation and try to say it is all an accident of evolution.

7. V 28 \_\_\_\_\_ The Father's response to hopeless rebels is to let them do what they will. Eventually they so foul their nest and undermine the truth, justice and righteousness needed to sustain a civilized and free society that the nation falls into ruin and misery.

**What does this Scripture say to you?**

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