



Remarkable Truths From Romans

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Romans 1:1 – 4:

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

How does Paul describe himself?

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How do you think this introduction would be received by the new believers in Rome?

What was the requirement for calling yourself an apostle of Jesus Christ?

Considering this self-description and using it as a guide, how would you describe yourself?

Next, Paul says:

which he (God) promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures

Paul was telling these new believers in Rome that this gospel of God was not a new thing. It had long ago been promised through the prophets.

And what was that event?

concerning his Son...It was then and it is now all about Jesus.

Then Paul says:

who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God.

To be descended from David meant:

1. Jesus was a man—*according to the flesh* – he had real parents and ancestors.
2. Jesus was a Jewish man—circumcised and law-keeping.
3. Jesus was the rightful king—the heir to David's throne, prophesized to rule over the nations.

Psalm 132:11: *The Lord swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne."*

Luke 1:32: *He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David.*

Isaiah 9:6 – 7: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Jesus Is Lord

Romans 10:9: *If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Paul's letter to the Romans was definitely a politically incorrect document. This profound letter to these new believers in Rome would be considered dangerous at the time.

Roman emperors used to claim they were divine. Many coins found from archaeology were inscribed with the Latin words *divi filius*, meaning "son of the divine." In the opening of this letter Paul uses the exact Greek phrase used for Caesar: "the Son of God."



Paul and his companions were often seen as political troublemakers.

Acts 17:6 - 7: *And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, "These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also, and Jason has received them, and they are all acting against the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, Jesus."*

Jesus is Lord and Caesar is not! That is the message of Romans that Paul boldly sent to the new believers in Rome.

In the face of persecution, knowing that it would be considered treasonous by Rome, that they were putting their lives on the line, Paul tells them: *if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, you will be saved* (Romans 10:9).

Jesus said: **Mark 8:38:** *"For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."*

Do any of us today have a legitimate reason not to confess with our mouths that Jesus is Lord? What does that look like in your daily life?

Justification by Faith

What does it mean to be justified?

Romans 3:21 – 25a: But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

- Justification comes apart from the law; that is, we cannot earn justification through rule-keeping or our own good works.
- Justification is made possible in the sacrificial death of Christ; it is based on the shed blood of Christ and his resurrection from the dead.
- Justification is the free and gracious gift of God bestowed on those who receive by faith the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

So, when you believe in Jesus and what he has done to make it possible for you to be justified, you are no longer subject to the penalty for sin which you deserve.

1 Peter 2:24: *He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.*

You are then justified! This is more than an acquittal—it is full acceptance. You then become a child of God and co-heir with Christ:

John 3:36: *Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.*

Romans 8:15 - 17: *For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.*

2 Corinthians 5:21: *For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

So, if someone asks you why you believe you’re going to Heaven, what is your answer?

The Remarkable Truth from Romans:

1. **I am a sinner**
Romans 3:23: *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.*
2. **I deserve eternal death, but I have been given eternal life.**
Romans 6:23: *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*
3. **Jesus died to pay the penalty for my sins.**
Romans 5:8: *But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*
4. **I believe with all my heart in Jesus as my Savior because he was raised from the dead.**
Romans 10:9: *Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.*
5. **As a result, I have become a new creation in Christ.**
2 Corinthians 5:17: *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.*