



Lesson 2:
Chapter 1

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A. The Gospel to Which Paul is Separated (1:1-7)

- a. Paul, a bondservant and called apostle of Jesus Christ. (v. 1a)
- b. The gospel to which Paul is separated was promised in the Old Testament and concerns the Son of God, Jesus Christ (vv. 2a-4)
 - i. According to the flesh – the seed of David. (v. 3)
 - ii. According to the spirit of holiness – the Son of God. (v. 4)
- c. The apostleship Paul received by Jesus is for obedience of faith. (v. 5)
- d. The letter is addressed with greetings to the saints in Rome who are also called of Jesus Christ. (vv. 6-7)

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B. The Commitment of Paul to Preach the Gospel (1:8-17)

- a. Thanksgiving to God for the faith of the Roman saints. (v. 8)
- b. Paul’s incessant prayers to God for the Roman saints. (vv. 9-12)
 - i. To come to them. (v. 10)
 - ii. To impart some spiritual gift for their establishment and encouragement. (vv. 11-12)
- c. Paul planned to come to have fruit among those in Rome but was hindered. (vv. 13-15)
 - i. He is a debtor to all. (v. 14)
 - ii. He is ready to preach the gospel in Rome. (v. 15)

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- d. Theme – the gospel of Christ is God’s power to salvation for everyone who believes. (vv. 16-17)
 - i. The righteousness of God is revealed in it from faith to faith. (v. 17a)
 - ii. The Old Testament attests to this. (cf. Habakkuk 2:4) (v. 17b)

II. The Need for the Gospel – The Universality of Sin (1:18-3:20)

A. The Wrath of God Revealed Against Sin (Gentiles) (1:18-32)

a. God's wrath is revealed against ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. (vv. 18-23)

i. Though God has revealed Himself to them they suppress the truth in unrighteousness. (vv. 18b-19)

ii. From creation God's invisible attributes are evident in creation, but knowing this they did not glorify God, but their hearts were darkened, and they exchanged God for the likeness of what is corruptible. (vv. 20-23)

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- a. God's wrath is revealed against ungodliness and unrighteousness of men. (vv. 18-23)
- b. Therefore, God gave them up (vv. 24-32):
 - i. To uncleanness – to dishonor their bodies. (vv. 24-25)
 - ii. To vile passions – to commit what is shameful and receive the penalty of their error. (vv. 26-27)
 - iii. To a debased mind – to do things which are not fitting. (vv. 28-32)