

STUDY TIPS

- Recognize that the church of Rome is the primary audience of the Book of Romans, and we are the secondary audience.

SCRIPTURE

PRIMARY TEXT:

Romans 1:1-7

SUPPLEMENTAL TEXT:

Acts 7:54-8:3; Acts 9; Acts 26:9-23; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33

OBSERVATIONS & APPLICATION

The Life of Paul: Read the supplemental scripture above. What is something surprising about Paul's life?

Gospel of God: Read Romans 1:1-7. According to verse 2, what is the "gospel of God" that Paul mentions? What does the gospel mean for you?

The Identity of a Servant: *Servant (Greek: duolos)* - complete and utter devotion. In Romans 1:1, Paul introduces himself as a "servant of Christ Jesus." What do you think it means to be a servant of Christ Jesus? How does embracing the identity of a servant impact the way we view our relationship with Christ and our role in the world

Grace and Apostleship: *Grace (Greek: charis)* - being given something you haven't earned. *Apostle - adapting to a different culture to share the gospel.* Read Romans 1:5 again. Paul speaks of receiving "grace and apostleship." How does the concept of grace shape our understanding of our own callings and roles within the community of believers?

Obedience of Faith: In verse 5, Paul speaks of bringing about "the obedience of faith." What does this phrase mean to you? How do faith and obedience intertwine in the Christian life?

RESOURCES

-  [The Bible Project](#)
Overview of Romans
-  [Luther's Commentary](#)
Amazon
-  [Blue Letter Bible](#)
Paul's timeline

PRAYER

- Pray that God would reveal Himself to you in a new way as you journey through the Book of Romans for the next 12 weeks.
- Intentionally stop and listen to what God is calling you to do as you study this scripture.

SCRIPTURE

Write which passage of scripture you are reading.

OBSERVATION

What is this text saying? What is the context? How does it fit with the verses before and after it? Are there any commands or instructions?

APPLICATION

How can you apply this verse to your life? What does this mean today? What is God saying to you?

PRAYER

Respond to the passage in prayer. Ask God to help you apply this truth to your life and spend some time listening to what He may be telling you.
