

AM Sermon Notes

Text: *Romans 1:1*

Title: *Introduction to Romans*

Central Truth: Like Paul, when we meet Jesus in a true conversion experience our lives are totally transformed forever.

Paul wrote Romans around A.D. 58 from Corinth near the end of his third missionary journey. The main theme of the Book of Romans is found in Romans 1:16-17. This theme is that “salvation is by faith”.

I. v. 1a: Paul: The Servant (slave)

KJV & NIV - servant, NASB - bond-servant (Greek - *doulos*) Literally, this word means to be a slave! It speaks of total and complete devotion. Slavery to Christ really brings freedom because we are set free from the bondage of sin!

II. v. 1b: Paul: The Summoned

Paul wants us to know that he did not initiate his call from Jesus! The word apostle means to be an authorized representative, an official delegate, a commissioned messenger. Paul had the credentials to write Holy Spirit inspired, inerrant Scripture!

III. v. 1c: Paul: The Separated

KJV - separated, set apart - The meaning here is not so much that Paul was separated from something but that he was separated or set apart to something!
Gospel - Literally it means good news! Defined in a nutshell the Gospel is Jesus' death, burial and resurrection (*c.f. 1st Corinthians 15:3-4*). By trusting in Him our sins can be forgiven.

Practical Application:
