

ROMANS – FROM GUILT TO GLORY!

Week #2

Let Me Introduce Myself!

Romans 1:1

Today we begin our study in the book of Romans and if the Apostle Paul were to come to Rome, he would have to wear a “Hello My Name Is ...” tag.

Romans 1: 1

- **Bondservant**
 - Purchased
 - In the Greek culture this would mean a person who is in involuntary permanent service as a slave (**think of the Jews in Egypt.**)
 - We end the book of Genesis with the death of Joseph who was only 2nd to Pharaoh.
 - **Exodus 1:8-11a.**
 - What Paul does here in **Romans 1:1** is to elevate that word “bondservant” to a level that to a Hebrew sense to describe a slave who willingly commits himself to serve a master he loves and respects.
 - **Exodus 21:5-6**
 - **Galatians 1:10**
 - Max Anders in his Holman New Testament Commentary on Romans says, “*perhaps the most radical evidence of the transforming power of the grace of God in Paul’s life was what happened to his will.*”
 - **Acts 9:18-20.**
- **Apostle**
 - The Greek word means “one who is sent.”
 - These would include the 12 that were chosen by Christ, then Matthaias who was chose to replace Judas, and then Paul who was chosen by Christ.
 - **Acts 9:15-16**
 - These men were called to be God’s “proxies” or representative.
 - **Matthew 16:24-26**

- **Set apart for the gospel of God.**
 - Gospel – Good News - **I Corinthians 15:1-4**
 - We see it here called the Gospel of God.
 - The Gospel of Christ – **Romans 1:16**
 - My Gospel – **Romans 16:25-26**
 - Oswald Chambers – “*Our calling is not primarily to be holy men and women, but to be proclaimers for the gospel of God.... Paul was not conscious of himself. He was recklessly abandoned, totally surrendered, and separated by God for one purpose – to proclaim the Gospel of God.*”
 - Here is the catch, we think that the Gospel can radically change the life of people like Paul but not ours.