

CHAPTER 1

PAUL, a servant of Jesus Christ, called *to be* an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,

2 (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)

3 Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;

4 And declared *to be* the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:

5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

6 Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called *to be* saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8. First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.

9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers;

10 Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you.

11 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

12 That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.

13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.

14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.

15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.

16. For I am not ashamed of the

gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

19. Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed *it* unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, *even* his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:

21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified *him* not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:

27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

30 Backbiters, haters of God,

despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

CHAPTER 2

THEREFORE thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

2 But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things.

3 And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?

4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

5 But after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up

unto thyself wrath against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God;

6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

9 Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

10 But glory, honour, and peace, to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Gentile:

11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

12 For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law;

13 (For not the hearers of the law *are* just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

14 For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these,

having not the law, are a law unto themselves:

15 Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)

16 In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

17. Behold, thou art called a Jew, and retest in the law, and makest thy boast of God,

18 And knowest *his* will, and approvest the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the law;

19 And art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them which are in darkness,

20 An instructor of the foolish, a teacher of babes, which hast the form of knowledge and of the truth in the law.

21 Thou therefore which teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal?

22 Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost

thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou commit sacrilege?

23 Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law dishonourest thou God?

24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written.

25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

26 Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

29 But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision *is that* of the heart, in the spirit, *and* not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God.

DEVOTIONAL COMMENTS

The Book of Romans is probably the greatest and most influential of all Paul's Epistles. It is a very profound, yet very simple, Epistle, written to and for sinful mankind. It points out how lost and helpless humanity really is, and how we can find deliverance in Christ. It presents Christ's redemption as the only hope for humanity. The book was apparently written from Corinth around A.D. 57.

The Book of Romans presents doctrinal truth on justification, sanctification, adoption, judgment, and identification with Christ. It presents dispensational truth, showing the relationship between Israel and the Church in the eternal plan of God. It presents practical truth, teaching the secret of Christian victory over the flesh, and the duties Christians have toward each other and in relationship to government. If we, as Christians, should try to master one book, it should be the Book of Romans. The understanding of this precious book is a key to unlocking the entire Word of God.

Chapter 1 contains the salutation. The writer identifies himself, and those to whom the book is written. They are identified as the saints at Rome, and not the unbelievers. The theme is Christ and the Gospel of salvation (verses 1-7). Paul tells us why he is writing the book in verses 8-15, and what he is writing about in verses 16 and 17. In the latter part of the chapter, Paul explains to the Gentiles that they are lost and engulfed by darkness and why man is condemned. Then, in chapter 2, he turns to his own people, the Jews, and shows them that they are equally condemned as sinners before God. Paul deals with Israel's unbelief and explains that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under sin.

PROVERB FOR TODAY

"He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him" (Proverbs 18:13).

TREASURE PATH TO SOUL WINNING

ASSIGNMENT 38: For today's memory verses, follow instructions on page 7.

ON THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1804

FRANKLIN PIERCE WAS BORN.

Franklin Pierce was the fourteenth President of our nation. Again may we pause to ask God's bless-

ings upon our President. May we ask God to give him leadership today as he makes the decisions that will affect your life and mine and the lives of our children and our children's children.

1873

MOODY AND SANKEY CONDUCTED THE FIRST SERVICE IN THE EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND, REVIVAL.

Someone has said that Mr. Moody took America in one hand and Europe in the other and lifted two continents closer to God. The great meeting in Edinburgh was certainly a part of this hand of God upon Moody.

Let us pray for evangelists everywhere today. Especially pray for God to raise up someone of Moody's caliber in America. America needs a Moody more than she needs great politicians. A revival such as we saw in the days of Moody would bring forth politicians of character and integrity to lead our nation. Mr. Moody once heard a sermon where the speaker made this statement, "The world has yet to see what can be done with a man wholly surrendered to God's will." Mr. Moody said to God that night, "By the grace of God, I'll be that man. Perhaps he was as near that man as any man in America has ever been. Let us surrender to God's will and his leadership today.

ON THIS DATE IN AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY

1867

Louisiana constitutional convention (forty-nine white delegates and forty-nine black delegates) met in Mechanics Institute, New Orleans.

1897

Andrew J. Beard invented the "jerry coupler," still used today to connect railroad cars.

1905

Henry Watson Furness, an Indiana physician, named minister of Haiti. He was the last black minister to Haiti in this period. Woodrow Wilson appointed a white minister in 1913.

Fifty-seven blacks reported lynched in 1905.

Hymn of the Week

“THE NINETY AND NINE” Elizabeth Clephane

Among the poor and suffering, Elizabeth Clephane was known as “My Sunbeam.” She was born in Edinburg in 1830. At an early age she learned the meaning of sorrow, through the loss of her parents. She was a very bright child with a vivid imagination and a passionate love for poetry. She was first in her class and was, as it is reported, a favorite pupil of her teacher.

As she grew older she gave all of her money beyond the bare necessities to charities.

For a friend, she wrote a poem which found its way to the newspaper. A copy of the newspaper was purchased by Ira Sankey as he and Mr. D.L. Moody, the great evangelist, were passing through a railroad depot. They were to take a train to Edinburgh where they were to be engaged in three days of meetings.

As Mr. Sankey rode along he read the newspaper and cast it aside to pick it up again just as the journey was ending. His eyes beheld a poem in one corner of the paper, which he read with great interest and admiration. He clipped it from its corner and slipped it into his musical scrapbook, the seed-plot from which sprang many Gospel songs that are now known throughout the world.

At the noon meeting on the second day Mr. Moody stepped to the platform and presented a message entitled, “The Good Shepherd.” Upon

conclusion he called up Dr. Bonar to say a few words. When Dr. Bonar was finished, Mr. Moody turned to Mr. Sankey and asked if he had an appropriate song for the close of the service. Frantically Mr. Sankey began to search for a song. He suddenly thought of the poem that he had found in the newspaper on the train. He stepped to the small organ, his hands fell on the keys and he began to sing for the first time, “The Ninety and Nine.” It has never been changed to this day. Thus a great gospel song was born.

A short time after, Mr. Sankey received a letter thanking him for singing the words written by her deceased sister.

*There were ninety and nine that safely lay
In the shelter of the fold.
But one was out on the hills away,
Far off from the gates of gold.
Away on the mountains wild and bare,
Away from the tender Shepherd's care.*

*And all through the mountains thunder riven,
And up from the rocky steep
There arose a glad cry to the gates of Heav'n,
“Rejoice I have found my sheep!”
And the angels echoed around the throne,
“Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own.”*

Treasure Path to Soul-Winning

MEMORY VERSE TOPIC FOR THIS WEEK:

EVIDENCE OF DIVINE INSPIRATION:

Divine inspiration evident in that the scriptures correct those who are trapped in error.

E. A WARNING TO THOSE INTERESTED IN THIS WORLD ONLY, AND CARE NOT FOR THE WORLD TO COME

(Assignment 38)

Please recite all three components of each of these five verses aloud, five times each morning, and five times each evening, for seven days. The three components of each verse are: Subject, Scripture Reference, and Scripture Text. (For more details, see “The Treasure Path to Soul Winning” link back on the DailyKJV page.)

() Luke 12:15

And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.

() Luke 12:19

And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.

() Luke 12:20

But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?

() Luke 12:21

So is he that layeth up treasures for himself, and is not rich toward God.

() Luke 16:25

But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.