



Heritage Alliance Church
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Part 1 - Good News

"Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight."

Introduction to the Letter to Rome

- Written by Paul, formerly known as Saul. Acts 8-9
- Paul was previously a pharisee set out to destroy Jesus' followers.
- A pharisee was someone dedicated to purity laws and interpretation of those laws for doing life outside the temple.
- The Church in Rome was mixed with believers of Jesus that had Jewish and paganism backgrounds (Jews & Gentiles).
- Written to explain the Good News about Jesus for everyone.

"God promised this Good News long ago through his prophets in the holy Scriptures. The Good News is about his Son... he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 1:2-4

"Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles everywhere **what God has done for them**, so that **they will believe and obey him, bringing glory** to his name."

Romans 1:5

"For I have a **great sense of obligation** to people in both the civilized world and the rest of the world..."

Romans 1:14

Key Verses for the book of Romans:

"For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, **saving everyone who believes**—the Jew first and also the Gentile. **This . This is accomplished from start to finish by faith**. As the Scriptures say, 'It is through faith that a righteous person has life.'" Romans 1:16-17

The Good News is:

- God's original plan
- for everyone who believes
- about Jesus, God's Son (proved by the resurrection)
- about what God has done FOR them
- about HOW God makes us right before Him (how we become saints)
 - Teaser: starts and ends by faith / trusting God.
- not something you keep to yourself.

Discussion: How do you share the good news to others?
 Are you ashamed of the gospel? Why or Why Not?