

ROMANS

The Epistle Of Paul The Apostle Of The Romans
**PAUL'S CREDENTIALS:
ENSLAVEMENT TO CHRIST**
Romans 1:1-7

1.) HE WAS A SLAVE OF CHRIST (ROM. 1:1)

- a.) Owned by his master
- b.) Existed for his master
- c.) Served his master
- d.) Belonged to his master (Will)
- e.) A most honored and kingly profession (Jn. 12:26; Eph. 6:6-7; Col. 3:23-24; Heb. 12:28; Deut. 10:12; Ps. 100:2)

2.) HE WAS AN APOSTLE OF GOD (ROM. 1:1)

- a.) Called (Acts 26:16; 1 Tim 1:12; Ex. 3:10; Judges 6:14; Isa. 6:8)
- b.) Heard and answered
- c.) Two primary purposes:
 - 1.) To serve and minister (Mt. 20:27-28; Lk. 10:36-37; Jn. 13:14; Gal. 6:10)
 - 2.) To go forth and bear fruit (Mt. 3:8; Jn. 15:16; Ro. 7:4; Phil. 1:11; Col. 1:10; Ps. 1:3, 92:13)

3.) HE WAS SET APART TO THE GOSPEL OF GOD (ROM. 1:1-4)

- a.) The Gospel promised long ago (Jn. 5:39; Acts 26:22; Heb. 1:1; 1 Pet. 1:10-11; 2 Pet. 1:20-21)
- b.) The Gospel is the incarnation of God's son (Jn. 1:14; Heb. 2:14-18; 2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15, 7:26; 1 Pet. 1:19, 2:22; Acts 2:24, 36, 5:30-31; Ro. 14:9; Eph. 1:20; Phil. 2:8-9)

4.) HE HAD RECEIVED GOD'S GRACE AND GOD'S MISSION (ROM. 1:5)

- a.) We have received God's grace: His favor: (Eph. 1:3-4; 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 1:2; Rom. 3:24; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 2:11; Phil. 4:19; 1 Tim. 1:14; Eph. 1:7, 2:7; Titus 3:7)
- b.) We have received apostleship: His mission: "Obedience to the Faith"
(Mt. 7:24; Jn. 14:21; Acts 5:29; Jn. 7:17; Josh. 1:8; Mt. 7:21; Ex. 20:6; Mt. 12:50; Lk. 11:28; Jn. 14:28; Ex. 23:22; Jer. 7:23; Jn. 15:10; Deut. 4:40; Jn. 15:14-15; Isa. 1:19; 1 Sam. 15:22; Heb. 10:5-7)

5.) HE ACKNOWLEDGED THE ENSLAVEMENT OF OTHERS (ROM. 1:6-7)

- a.) They too were called (1 Tim. 2:4-6; Jn. 20:21; Mt. 20:28)
- b.) They too were beloved (Jer. 31:3; Jn. 3:16, 16:27; Rom. 5:8; Eph. 2:4-5; 1 Jn. 3:1)
- c.) They too were saints
- d.) They too were recipients of Grace and Peace (Titus 3:4-7; Eph 2:13-14; Jn. 14:27; Jn. 16:33; Ps 29:11)

"We are called on to be men and women possessed by God. That is the level on which Christ lived, and on which we too can live. That is the heart of the Gospel."

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