

## PAUL AND THE CALL (Part 2)

### ROMANS 1:1-7

1/12/25

#### I. PAUL'S CALL

*Romans 1:1 - "Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God..."*

##### A. "Called to be an Apostle"

- Declares his God given authority to the Church

##### B. Paul's call as an Apostle was to proclaim the Gospel

#### II. FIVE GOSPEL POINTS

##### A. The Gospel is "of God"

*Romans 1:1 - "Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God..."*

##### B. The Gospel is fulfilled prophecy

*Romans 1:2 - "...which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures..."*

##### C. The Gospel is about the God/Man

*Romans 1:3-4a - "...concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh<sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God..."*

##### D. The Gospel is powered in the resurrection

*Romans 1:4b - "...in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord..."*

##### E. The Gospel centers on Jesus

*Romans 1:5 - "...through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations..."*

#### III. CHURCH'S CALL

*Romans 1:6-7 - "...including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,<sup>7</sup> to all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."*

##### A. We are called to "belong to Jesus"

##### B. We are called to "be saints"

##### C. We are called in the same way Paul was

## COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why is it important that Paul summarizes the Gospel at the beginning of his letter?
3. Which of the five gospel points resonated the most with you? Why?
4. What does it look like to “belong to Jesus Christ” in your world today? What makes it difficult for us to be associated with Jesus today? How do we overcome this?
5. Paul calls the believers “saints”, which means holy or set apart ones...How should the knowledge that God has called and set you apart for a purpose fuel your desire for holiness in this world?
6. How does realizing that we are “called” just like Paul, encourage you as you live out your faith?
7. What is one thing from the message or your group that you can take with you this week and live out?