

# **Walking through Romans 1 (Part 1)**

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Greetings... Today we are starting a series where I am going to be teaching through the first verse by verse on the first ten chapters of Romans. This is a mammoth task and I think it is going to take a long time.

Before we get into that I would like to share my heart a little about our Sunday messages and how I see this. I feel, in my heart, to take our Sunday message and make it more of a message where we teach deeply on the Word of God. Then, I will use the Facebook messages that I will do on a more regular basis on Facebook Live broadcasts. I also have the What's App messages that goes out on a regular basis. The Facebook and What'sApp messages would then be focused on preaching to a crowd that I, in my mind, would look at and think they don't know the Good News at all. These messages would be encouraging and simple and also messages that you can share with your friends. But the Sunday message will be for those who want to know more, that want to go deeper into the scriptures. That is the format that I would like to use.

I was feeling in my heart that I don't want to live from a perspective where I want to do both on a Sunday where the Sunday message is also preached to you. When I preach, I always in my mind vision a crowd of people in front of me where I see people that bring friends that are here for the first time ... people who don't know anything and people who are not Christians at all. There is also a crowd of people who want to know more, who have studied the scriptures for a while and they want to learn more. Then, in that mindset, you try to address every segment of the crowd that is represented, a segment of people's thoughts that are represented. But I want to take the Sunday message and make it more of a teaching message where we cater to those people who want to learn more.

With that said, we are going to look at Romans, chapter one. The reason why I want to use Romans, and this is how it came about, I was sitting and saying, "Lord, I would like to minister and preach to the people on Sunday. What should I preach about?" I was thinking in my heart, "What messages are there?" Then I was thinking of preaching on Romans 4 talking about God justifying the ungodly and how that works. Then I realized that there are concepts in Romans chapter 4 that you cannot explain unless you've gone through Romans chapter one. Then I thought to jump to chapter one and explain it a little bit. Then I thought, "No, let us just do the whole thing and explain it in depth." That will really enrich you. As you go through this, as you walk through this, we are going to learn many things.

I encourage you to get the notes. Write to our office: [info@dynamicministries.com](mailto:info@dynamicministries.com) and you will get the notes before the service. I have already done the whole of Romans chapter one and there are 12 pages of notes which is the scriptures printed out, all the Greek, Hebrew, and cross references, which help you so that when we go through this you can just jot it down and read. There is also more in these notes than what I say in these notes. If this is your kind of thing, get it.

What we will see in this whole study of the first ten chapters of Romans is we are going to look at God and His revelation and purposes that He has with man. We are going to look at who God is, who man is, what salvation is, what justification and righteousness is, what faith is, the forgiveness of sins, reconciliation. All those things are going to be defined and explained what it is and what Paul had in his mind when he wrote that and what the crowd of people would have heard when he used these terms. When you look at adoption, for instance, you will find and those who have listened to these messages before, we will find that Jewish understanding of adoption or God's understanding of adoption is completely different than what we have in our westernized world when it comes to adoption. We're going to look at the necessity of resurrection, what fruit bearing is by the power of God. We are going to study out early church traditions, the Christian hope, the incarnation and even what the word, 'all' means.

Some of you think and we've heard this many times when preachers say, "All means all in the Greek." No, it doesn't. All doesn't mean all. All has a context wherein it means all. There are certain things we are going to look at and I think it is very important. When I look at the church and I look at my own life and walking in the grace message now for almost 25 years, I find that understanding plays a very big role. I mean understanding what the Apostle Paul wrote would be important.

I was just writing an article on the immortality of the soul verses resurrection and what that means. As I started out this article, I used it as the dialogue between me and fear where fear comes and says, "Bertie, why do you want to rock the boat again? You have just written a book called ***Jesus is the Tith*** and you got a lot of people upset with you. Why would you now want to write on this? Dumb it down and simply just give people what they want. All they want is an encouraging grace message to get them through the day. That's what they want. If you just give people what they want, you will surely live and not die."

Every time we have preachers come and we preach a message that is radical or a message that touches the roots of what we believe, it is uncomfortable if a person does not agree with that message or with what he said or how the core of their belief tweaked a little bit here and there. We, then, as preachers are facing maybe the anger of people. I think the biggest thing that a preacher faces is that the person wouldn't want to hear him out all the way and reject the truth and then live without that and be an enemy of that truth.

With that said, we are getting into Romans chapter one. I want to say that we are going to touch some deep stuff. We are going to touch some of our core beliefs. We are going to look at the make-up of man... what man is. We are going to look at things like Genesis and the creation story where we are going to see that Adam and Eve was much more than just historical figures. They were also figures that was presenting the patterns we find in man and where this patterns is found in all people is presented to us in story form in Genesis. We are going to look at that. We are going to look at the creation story and what it is all about. Who was God? Who was Adam? What is the wrath of God? All from the perspective of what is already true in man.

***Let us start off with Roman 1-7***

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

There is so much in just that one verse. Paul comes and says, "I am a servant of Jesus Christ. I am called a sent one." When he says that he is a sent one, in his mind he is immediately referring back to the time when Jesus sent him to go and preach after he had seen the resurrected Christ appear to him on the road to Damascus. As Jesus appeared to him, and showed him who He was as a physical, resurrected, being, he came to the conclusion that the Apocalypse, the revelation of everything that God had in mind from the beginning, was now revealed and God saving the whole human being and God's not just saving the soul. God's not just saving Israel from the oppression of Gentile influence or Rome, but God is actually saving people where God made it His business to save us if we should now use Gnostic language. He would save us wholly spirit, soul and body. He would preserve the whole human being. Paul has this in mind and from there he writes and says, "I am Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ". When he says, a servant, he does not describe his service **to** Jesus but he actually describes himself as one that has, according to the old Mesopotamian way of a small nation relating to a bigger nation that has power and authority that can easily take them over where they willfully submitted to the bigger nation, still kept their individuality, but they were under the powerful protection of the greater nation. That's what it has in mind. The smaller nation would then be called the servants of the greater nation although they still had their own counsels and own will and so forth.

So what Paul is saying here is, "I am Paul and I am under this beautiful rule and protection of Jesus Christ. I am called the one that was sent by Jesus." He was sent with the message that Jesus is Lord, He is King, and that there is victory over death. And this Jesus, who has victory, is now ruling over man.

It says, "**... separated unto the gospel of God.**" He doesn't just say that it is my gospel. At other places it does say that. It doesn't say, "The gospel of Jesus Christ." It doesn't say, "The gospel of the Apostles." He comes and says, "I have been set apart. I have been sent to declare the Good News that God has for **humanity.**" The Good News of God... that is what he is saying.

He is referring to the gospel that Christ saves the very Good News that God has brought forth deliverance to humanity where they are saved from their sin and death by the power of God, where God brings the solution to our sickness, to our disease, and the greatest sickness and disease then is sin in the flesh.

In verse 1 Paul says, "I am here. I am an apostle. I am sent out and I am bringing the gospel of God." Now that is very beautiful just to think of it that way! When you think of God, God has a gospel. Traditionally in our mind, and this is not preached that way, but what is in our mind is there was a picture of an angry Father and then a Jesus that has good news that the Father cannot punish you anymore because He has died. But Paul bridges all of that. He comes and he says, "Listen, I've got good news from God! I'm preaching the good news of God. The good news, the gospel, that there is a God that brings and shares His life with people! This good news is the message wherein God has reconciled man to Himself.

Just a little bit of a hint on what reconciliation is. It is when man, Adam, sinned, what man was saying was, "I will solve my mortality. I will solve my problems. I will use wisdom and by my wisdom, or knowledge of what is right and wrong, I will have a good life in this world." But God came and He has reconciled man back to God which means that it is not for man to solve his own problems and live by his own wisdom. God has now taken man and brought him back to God where it is God's problem to solve sin in the flesh. It's God's problem to solve our problem of ending whatsoever destroys us and getting us to share in His life. All of this is just in Romans 1. That is what is in the back of Paul's mind.

When you read your bible or even listen to a message, or think of the bible, think of the book that was written, you must realize that if you think of this book, God didn't have this book fall out of heaven on the laps of people and now they have a bible which God wrote. That is not how it works. This book was written over thousands of years by God through people whom He inspired, whom He gave a logic to think and reason. Inside their political situation that they were in, inside their normal family situation that they were in, their loneliness, their hatred, their fear and all those kind of things, they felt it necessary to write to other people under the inspiration of God or just to give advice and they wrote things down. What they wrote, they wrote in understanding of their immediate surroundings and that's how they wrote.

Let's take Paul for an example. When we take Paul, we cannot think of what he wrote in the light of westernized living. We have to put ourselves into his shoes. We have to go and say, "Think of Paul, where he was sitting, maybe with a little lamp where he was writing or maybe he was in jail in a very difficult situation. Or as he wrote Romans, he was traveling from one town to another town. The place where he traveled may have taken a week or two and he is writing whenever the wagon is standing still. He thinks then he is writing something and then he thinks of this letter and as he is thinking and pondering, he thinks, "I need to add this... I should add this in there." And then he adds. That's how he writes.

Paul did not just sit down and write the whole of Romans in two hours or something like that. It didn't work like that. If you study it out in depth, you realize that's not how it worked. We see Paul coming and he writes chapter one. When he says, "I am an apostle", there is a background to why he uses that word to say, "I am an apostle." There's a reason why he said that and that was how God called him. When he says, "The gospel of God", think for yourself, "Why did he not say, "The gospel of Jesus"? He said, "The gospel of God", because it is God having a good news message towards man. So, Church, I want to encourage you that as you read your Bible... and I don't want you to feel condemned or guilty about this but I know that there are people who don't read their Bible. You don't see a need to read your Bible. You feel, "I have a relationship. I feel God touches me. I listen to messages and I walk as the early Church would have walked. The early Church did not have Bibles."

You know that I would say that 90% of the early Church did not read the Bible. They didn't have a Bible to read. 90% of the early Church didn't read the writings of Paul on a regular basis because they did not have that. There was no money to transcribe all of Paul's letters and give each one his own copy on papyrus. Papyrus was only what the rich could have. The writing was a luxury. Not many people could read and write. There were people who could read and write and they would take the letters of Paul and once a week they would read it in the Church. That's how people read the Bible. You might say, "Well, that's also how I read the Bible. Somebody can read it to me once a week or I listen to a message where I get it once a week." If you want to do it that way, I don't see that you are going to lose your salvation. I don't say that you will lose your salvation neither will I say that you are worse off. My friend, once you believed the truth, your life is born from the truth. But, if you go and read your Bible, and you want to study the scriptures and you want to read, let us read it in a way that it doesn't contradict the truth where we just take any verse anywhere and just read that verse, actually contradicting what the true message is.

What I also want to say for those who do have a passion and want to study the scriptures and read the Bible and open the Bible and read some verses before you go to bed at night, you will find passages that seem very difficult to understand, that seem to contradict. But, when you read it like I am reading now in Romans chapter one, talking about the gospel of God, and we start to do it with historic background and wanting to know and not being in a hurry. That's another key: Don't be in a hurry to understand everything in one day. Salvation is not found in understanding every verse in the Bible. Salvation is found in Jesus, my friend. Salvation is not even found in believing. Salvation is found in Christ. Believing is when you make use of the salvation that is found in Christ. You just believe that Jesus died and He rose again and through Him, He gives you life. He actually then lives your life. That's what the Bible says. It says, "Christ, who lives in me."

With that said, let's go into Romans 1: 2 and it now talks about the Gospel of God:

***Romans 1: 2 (Which he (God) had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)***

So, we find that God promised the Gospel by the prophets in the Holy Scriptures. We even see in 1Corinthians 15 when Paul talks about his Gospel, the Gospel that he preached, he says is in accordance to the scriptures. When he says, "The Gospel in accordance with the scriptures, he is not referring to just one or two verses. He is actually saying, and this is what he is trying to communicate, that all the scripture communicate the death and the resurrection of Jesus as the Messiah. That's what he means when he says, "according to the scriptures." According to the scriptures means all of the scriptures is saying and pointing to what God has promised from the beginning.

The Gospel was seen as the word that God had promised from before time. We find this in Titus 1 verses 1-3 as well as **1John 1:1-3** which was the word, or the promise of life. So God had a Gospel from the beginning. Church, you need to realize that God preached the Gospel to Adam. The Gospel is not an invention that had to take place after God's plan in Adam failed. The Gospel is not God's second plan. The Gospel is not what God had to create after man fell. No, God promised man eternal life. He was the only immortal being. He made man from the dust of the earth. And this man didn't have eternal life in himself inherently and He offered him a tree of life in the Garden of Eden and He promised him eternal life. That promise of God to Adam was now being fulfilled in that God raised Adam from the dead. Jesus is called the last Adam. Jesus entered the death of the first Adam and then was raised up and what God promised the first Adam happened in Jesus. This is now the Gospel of God manifesting in our times. This to me is fascinating!

It is absolutely awesome to see how the God who promised from the beginning over a period of five or six thousand years kept to his word. The people in the middle of that time, the people who were in the time of the Exodus or when they were in the times of wars in the promised land and all those kinds of things, I think they didn't even think of what God has promised from before the world began. They didn't think of the promise of eternal life. They could not even formulate the concept of immortality and bodily immortality in their way of thinking.

The Mesopotamian logic of eternal life was the ability to procreate because they knew that they could never live eternally in their bodies. The only way their name could continue was if their seed could live and they could bear children and their children could bear children and their children could bear children. That was their concept of immortality and eternal life. The Mesopotamian concept in that time there which would include the mindset of Abraham because Abraham was an heir of the Chaldeans. He comes from ancient Mesopotamia. He was well known with it. His way of thinking was the way of thinking from where all of Israel came forth. That's how these people thought. They had temples and idols and gods and all those kinds of things. You must realize that Israel and whatever God said to them was set inside a certain political, ancient time and way of thinking and reasoning. They didn't even think of bodily immortality.

What they were thinking of was procreation. That's the way I live forever. But God made a promise before the time that He will share who and what He is with man. That message got lost in the minds of people but was kept in the prophetic and what was written. Then thousands of years later, about five and a half thousand years later, after Adam, we find that Jesus was born and what God had promised the first Adam manifested in the last Adam. And this resurrected Jesus is the first fruit of what God has promised all of us and we see it in the middle of time. We see it manifest and from this truth we now realize that what God promised in the end came into the middle of time which is Jesus. And that what is in the end will not be by our work but by the work of the one man that He brought into the middle of time. And we find that the first Adam was a shadow of Him. We find that Abraham was a shadow of this man. We find that Israel was a shadow of this man. We find that everything in the Old Testament writings written to this man who would make the promise of God come true in people who do not have the ability to do it by themselves who is in need of a doctor, who is need of a Savior. So, he comes and he says that this message was promised by the prophets in the Holy Scriptures.

Let me quickly go to **1John**. I want you to just look at this promise. There might just be some watching this for the first time and don't know what I am talking about when I talk about the promise that was from the beginning. When we look at the Word of God, when the Bible says, "The Word of God", "In the beginning was the Word", it refers to this promise that He had. You must remember that God's promise existed prior to the writings of scripture. God promised Adam and Eve eternal life. God promised man immortality when He placed the tree of life in the Garden where they could go and eat of it and live forever. That doesn't mean that they would become spiritually immortal. That meant that they as humans would become immortal and have eternal life as human beings. That is what it means... The word that was from the beginning.

So, God had a word from the beginning... a word of promise. This word, this promise, was then written about in the prophets. That is what Paul is saying in verse 2 there. Paul is saying, "I'm talking about the Gospel." The word, gospel, means good news... the announcement of good news. Gospel would be when a runner would come to Israel, should Israel be in war, and bring the message of the victory... the victory over the enemy. So, it is the Good News message of victory! God had Good News for us... "I will conquer your death! I will conquer your mortality!" Adam sinned and said, "No, no, no, God! I don't believe that I even have a problem! I am an eternal being and I believe I can live by my own power and by my own wisdom... do my own things." God said to him, "I promised that." Man veered the way but God never changed His promise. God's promise was sure even in the disobedience of Adam. Then what God has promised was said to the prophets all the time and then what God has promised now manifested and came forth.

What did God promise? **1John 1: That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;**

***That which was from the beginning*** (What was from the beginning? The Word... In the beginning was the word...the word of promise, the promise of eternal life)

***That which was from the beginning, which we have heard*** (We have heard about this through the prophets), ***which we have seen with our eyes*** (What is he referring to? He was referring to the birth of Christ.) ***which we have looked upon and our hands have handled*** (When it talks about the handling of the hands, John is referring to the time when Jesus said, "Touch Me. It is Me that was raised from the dead." So he refers to three things here: Jesus, eternal life, being promised by the Father, we heard about it through the prophets, then it was born, then our hands handled this word after the resurrection. So he is saying that the Word is the promise of eternal life.

Let's read on:) ***which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;***

So what was the promise? What is the Gospel that God had from the beginning? The Gospel of God is God's promise of life meaning that you will not have to try and live by your own works. You can live by the power of God. Earlier this week I put it on Facebook. I said it this way: My wife and I were lying in bed and the light was already off and we were about to fall asleep and I said to her, "Imagine we die now." You may say, "What a sad thing to say", but hear this! I said, "Imagine we die now and in the very next moment it is the resurrection."

Then I said, "Imagine Jesus dying on the cross and the next moment He opens His eyes and He sees that He is in the tomb but He is alive and He takes His first breath! Imagine that. I mean, if you are held under water and you come out and you take your first breath, you're very happy. But, imagine you were dead and now you wake up and you take your first breath. It would be, "Wow!" It would be so satisfying! But, imagine, taking that breath, and to know, "I don't have to take the next breath in order to stay alive because I am not living any more by the breath I'm taking and the food I'm eating! The very cells of my being, my very body is alive on account of God and not air I breathe or food I eat." Amazing! That is what God promised man from the beginning! That is the word of life which was promised by God, came through the scriptures, which was born, which manifested the Word of life!

***2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness*** (When it talks about 'bear witness', it talks about they being witnesses that Jesus was bodily raised from the dead, ***and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;***) So God said, "I have eternal life and I promise you eternal life."



That eternal life was called the Word. Jesus is the eternal life of God if you want to talk about the pre-incarnated Word of God. It is the promise of eternal life... the very eternal existence of God. That's what He promised us! It became a message, it became flesh, and now we see that that message that became flesh is now having an effect on everyone that believes so that man can live effortlessly... that you don't have to live by your own works... that you can rest in the eternal life of God.

When Jesus was raised from the dead, bodily, and He took His first breath in that tomb and He knew what it felt like to bodily, as a full human being, not to be in need of the next breath to bodily live. That truth that took place there, that life He was living there was effortless. How much effort will you have to put in, to know, after you've breathed a breath, to think, "I don't have to breath another to stay alive." I mean the question is even ludicrous because we know that it is impossible for us to do that by our own works.

Now, imagine that truth that I don't have to live by the next breath I take but my life is sealed in God. Imagine that truth start to settle in your heart knowing that that is what belongs to you and that that resurrection of Jesus was He entered your death, conquered your death and now He is seated at the right hand of God from where and who and what He is promised to you to be made true by Christ and God. Once that starts to become your reality, you will not think, "Well, I have to do the next business deal in order for my business to live. I will have to do the next good thing for my wife and my children in order for me to have a good relationship with them and to have life in my family." All of a sudden you will know that God's life is your life and you will start to find Him living in and through you. You start to see the first signs of that.

I would now like to explain the following concept in **Romans 1:3 : *Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;***

***Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord*** (He said, "This word of promise, this gospel of God, which He promised through the prophets and the Holy Scriptures, is the word concerning His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord) ***which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;*** Now, there is a one hour message right there but let us see what we can do.

He said, "***Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord...***" In order to understand the word, son, what it means to be a son of God, we need to understand what the Jews and the ancient people understood of being a son of God. The Mesopotamian civilization for well over 3,000 years from about the 4<sup>th</sup> millennium BC up until the time when even the Roman Empire, up until that time, they ascribed human attributes to their gods. The ancient people would say, "We need to make food for the gods or the gods are like humans... they can become angry. They can be sad. They can be mad." It is a forkloric idea or explanation of the gods where they would ascribe the attributes of the folk to the gods. Where they would say that these gods are basically like humans. They said that all the time. They would even say that the gods had sex.

They were saying that the gods were doing all the things that humans did. But, there was one thing that they never ascribed to the gods and that was mortality. They never ascribed mortality to the gods which then would define a God as an immortal. A true God would be an immortal.

So, when we talk about Paul writing concerning the Son of God, we can think on what the people in Rome must have heard. What would a Roman citizen that was Hellenized, that had the Mesopotamian beliefs even up until the Roman Empire times, flooded into the beliefs of people? What would they have heard if you had said that Jesus was the Son of God? They would have believed that there were many gods and then they would hear the Christians talk about the Most High God. Just the way Paul went into Athens and explained the whole thing there at the Areopagus and explained the whole thing about the unknown God which is the Most High God that doesn't live in temples, and so forth. They would say, "There's a Most High God and now He has a Son and they would say that this Jesus is the Son of a Most High God. They would immediately say, "Well, if he is a son of God or a son of a god, he has to have Godlike attributes. The thing that would determine if you are a son of God, according to the ancient Mesopotamian where they looked at God, was that they had to have immortality... eternal life.

So, here Paul comes and he says, "I am talking about the Son, the Son of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh." He starts something very deep here. He is saying to his people, "Listen, this Jesus is the Son of God." Some of these people would have heard, "...the son of a god." I am using a god, not because I think there are many gods. I am just trying to explain what these people would have heard in that time. So, if you would come and say that someone is a son of God, the only true proof by where a human would know if someone would be a true son of a God, would be by bodily immortality or the immortality of the person and the human.

We can take this even a bit further... should a voice from a god come from the heavens declaring someone to be his son, which happened at the baptism of Jesus, it would be up to the God to prove that that man is His son. This could only happen by granting the son incorruptibility which belongs to a God. Should there truly have come a voice that came from heaven, declaring to a mortal that he is the Son of God, the mortal would have had confidence that should he die, the God would raise him from the dead and he'd understand that. That is the mindset where Jesus lived.

You must understand that when Jesus was born as a human, he was a normal Jewish boy and the Holy Spirit was working in His heart and He heard that He was the Son of God. In the ancient setting that He was living in where the ancients, I mean 4,000 years old tradition building up into a group of people called the Israelites. What do you think Jesus believed, in His setting, who did He believe He was? He believed that He was the Son of God so what does that mean? That meant that He had the hope of immortality.

As long as He lived a mortal life where He needed to take His next breath to live, because Jesus needed to take another breath to live. He fled from Herod. God told His parents to take Him to another place. Why? The point that Paul is making here is He was made of the seed of David according to the flesh. As a human He was a normal mortal but we want to say that this normal mortal is the Son of God so He is already coming with the whole gospel of God right there. The gospel of God was that God grants His eternal life to man. Right there, in **verse 3: *Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;***

***Concerning His Son...***I've got the gospel of God which is about His Son. Oh, so, He must be an immortal. If you were a human and you heard a voice from heaven that said, "You are My Beloved Son", what would you do? You would think that it's up to the God to manifest me as His Son, to prove it. And if I face death, even the death of the cross, I would have the hope of the resurrection for I believe that God said that I am His Son. Therefore, I have no need to try and make myself a son of a God by trying to attain unto eternal life by my own works. That is what is going on here.

We can quickly touch on ***"...made of the seed of David according to the flesh;"*** owing His birth to Mary, born of a woman under the law... Romans 3:19. The fact that you needed to have a law is that you disqualify yourself to the point of saying, "I am weak and laws are needed in a country because people are not holy." Where there is a law it testifies of the fact that people are weak and have normal flesh. What this means is this: Jesus was born under the law, meaning He was standing under the law. That means that He had a flesh that could be tempted. That's what it means. You don't put laws in the street because people don't have the ability to drive like hooligans. You put laws in the street because you know what is in people. So Jesus, made of a woman... the emphasis here is, and many of us don't want to see this... but, Jesus made of a woman, could be tempted.

He came and He said, "I am the representative of all of humanity." Then He went into the desert to be tempted of the devil. And when He was tempted of the devil, what does tempt mean? It means that there was a drawing inside him to try and not believe God for eternal life but to trust His own ability for eternal life. The law is put upon people to show them. "Listen, you don't have eternal life. Never trust in your own ability to bring forth life but rather, trust God."

The point I am trying to make here is that Paul is saying, "Made of a woman under the law." ***"Made according to the flesh of the seed of David..."*** If you read Romans 3 in depth as well as Galatians 4 from verse 1, it says that He was born of a woman, made under the law. Why? What was the purpose of the law? The purpose of the law was: Should you want to live by your own power you will see your own mortality. Jesus was a person, should He wanted to live by His own power and not by the power of God, He would see sin manifest in Him. That's why He was tempted. He could see the

temptation but yet He was without sin. That means that He didn't fall for the temptation but He trusted God and God brought forth that eternal life in Him.

In our next Sunday message we will continue from verse 4 where we are going to see that He is the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness by the resurrection of the dead when He is declared as the true Son of God.

Let me summarize: **Romans 1:**

1 Paul comes and he says he is an apostle of Jesus Christ and it is according to the gospel of God...

2 Which was promised...

3 This is about Jesus.

He says that God has a Good News message. "I am an apostle of this message sent to bring forth this message."

This message was all about God promising man eternal life from the beginning, showing the integrity of God, all through time and how what God has promised has now started to manifest in the man, Jesus Christ. That we don't have to try to live holy and work holy and work ourselves up to get a place in heaven but where God made it His responsibility to bring life to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, who is also then seen as God... absolutely awesome!

Know that God loves you... and He cares for you... and He preserves your life forever!