

Romans 1:1
Being a servant of the God of the Good News

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

Saul - Dedicated to God

Paul - From the verb to stop, i.e. restrain, quit, desist, come to an end, to cease.

Servant - Slave, pledged, one who is bound to serve.

Christ - Anointed one, Messiah

Jesus - Savior

Called - Appointed

Apostle - Messenger

Set apart - To separate, sever from the rest, cut off, excommunicate, select.

Gospel of God - Glad tidings, joyful news

Acts 22:3 “**I am a Jew**, born in **Tarsus (Roman citizen/Greek culture)** in Cilicia, but **brought up in this city, educated at the feet of Gamaliel** according to the **strict manner of the law of our fathers**, being zealous for God as all of you are this day.

Acts 7:58 Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a **young man named Saul**.

Acts 8:1 And **Saul approved of his execution**. And there arose on that day a **great persecution against the church in Jerusalem**, and they were all **scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria**, except the apostles.

Acts 8:3 But **Saul was ravaging the church**, and entering house after house, he dragged off men and women and committed them to prison.

Acts 9:1 But Saul, still **breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord**, went to the **high priest**

Acts 9:2 and asked him for letters to the **synagogues at Damascus**, so that if he found any **belonging to the Way**, men or women, **he might bring them bound to Jerusalem**.

Acts 9:3 Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a **light from heaven shone around him**.

Acts 9:4 And **falling to the ground** he heard a voice saying to him, “**Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?**”

Acts 9:5 And he said, “**Who are you, Lord?**” And he said, “**I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting**.”

Acts 26:15 And I said, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting.’

Acts 26:16 But rise and stand upon your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose, **to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things in which you have seen me** and to those in which I will appear to you,

Acts 26:17 delivering you from your people and from the **Gentiles—to whom I am sending you**

Acts 26:18 **to open their eyes**, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, **that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.**’

Acts 9:6 But rise and enter the city, and **you will be told what you are to do.**”

Acts 9:7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, **hearing the voice but seeing no one**.

Acts 9:8 Saul rose from the ground, and although **his eyes were opened, he saw nothing**. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

Acts 9:9 And for **three days he was without sight**, and neither ate nor drank.

Acts 9:10 Now there was a **disciple at Damascus named Ananias**. The Lord said to him in a vision, “**Ananias.**” And he said, “**Here I am, Lord.**”

Acts 9:11 And the **Lord said to him**, “Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, **he is praying**,

Acts 9:12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so **that he might regain his sight.**”

Acts 9:13 But Ananias answered, “**Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem.**”

Acts 9:14 And here **he has authority** from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name.”

Acts 9:15 But the Lord said to him, “Go, for **he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.**”

Acts 9:16 For **I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name.**”

Acts 9:17 So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, “**Brother Saul**, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may **regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.**”

Acts 9:18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and **he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;**

Acts 9:19 and taking food, he was strengthened. **For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.**

Acts 9:20 And **immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues**, saying, “**He is the Son of God.**”

Acts 9:21 And all who heard him were amazed and said, “Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?”

Acts 9:22 But Saul increased all the more in strength, and **confounded the Jews** who lived in Damascus by **proving that Jesus was the Christ**.

Acts 9:23 When many days had passed, **the Jews plotted to kill him**,

Galatians 1:13 For you have heard of my previous way of life in Judaism, how intensely I persecuted the church of God and tried to destroy it.

Galatians 1:14 I was **advancing in Judaism beyond many of my own age** among my people and was extremely zealous for the **traditions of my fathers**.

Galatians 1:15 But when **God, who set me apart from my mother's womb** and **called me by his grace**, was pleased

Galatians 1:16 **to reveal his Son in me** so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, **my immediate response was not to consult any human being**.

Galatians 1:17 I did not go up to Jerusalem to see those who were apostles before I was, but **I went into Arabia**. Later I returned to Damascus.

Galatians 1:18 **Then after three years**, I went up to Jerusalem to get acquainted with **Cephas** and stayed with him **fifteen days**.

1Corinthians 15:9 For I am the **least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle**, because I persecuted the church of God.

1Corinthians 15:10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but **the grace of God that is with me**. **56 A.D.**

Ephesians 3:8 To me, though I am the very **least of all the saints**, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the **unsearchable riches of Christ**, **61 A.D.**

1Timothy 1:16 But for that very reason **I was shown mercy** so that in me, the **worst of sinners**, Christ Jesus might **display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life**. **63 A.D.**

Philippians 3:4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more:

Philippians 3:5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee;

Philippians 3:6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; **as to righteousness under the law, blameless.**

“Natural gifts are surely not done away with or set on one side by the Holy Spirit. What the Holy Spirit does is to control them and to use them.”

D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones

“A University is a society for the pursuit of learning. As students, you will be expected to make yourselves, or to start making yourselves, in to what the Middle Ages called clerks: into philosophers, scientists, scholars, critics, or historians. And at first sight this seems to be an odd thing to do during a great war. What is the use of beginning a task which we have so little chance of finishing? Or, even if we ourselves should happen not to be interrupted by death or military service, why should we -- indeed how can we -- continue to take an interest in these placid occupations when the lives of our friends and the liberties of Europe are in the balance? Is it not like fiddling while Rome burns?”

“The work of a Beethoven, and the work of a charwoman, become spiritual on precisely the same condition, that of being offered to God, of being done humbly "as to the Lord". This does not, of course, mean that it is for anyone a mere toss-up whether he should sweep rooms or compose symphonies. A mole must dig to the glory of God and a cock must crow. We are members of one body, but differentiated members, each with his own vocation. A man's upbringing, his talents, his circumstances, are usually a tolerable index of his vocation. If our parents have sent us to Oxford, if our country allows us to remain there, this is prima facie evidence that the life which we, at any rate, can best lead to the glory of God at present is the learned life.”

C.S. Lewis

Philippians 3:7 But whatever gain I had, **I counted as loss for the sake of Christ.**

Philippians 3:8 Indeed, **I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.** For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ

Philippians 3:9 and be found in him, **not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith—**

Galatians 2:16 yet we know that a person is **not justified by works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ**, so we also have **believed in Christ Jesus, in order to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law**, because **by works of the law no one will be justified.**

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