

The Glory of the Gospel Romans 1:1

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I. Historical Context

- A. WHO? The Apostle PAUL, with the secretarial help of TERTIUS
- B. **WHEN**? Around **56-57AD**
- C. **TO WHOM?** The Churches in Rome
 - 1. The **ORIGIN** of Christianity in Rome
 - a) We know that Paul did **NOT** start the Church
 - b) It's unlikely that another **APOSTLE**, such as Peter, started the church

- c) The Gospel made it to Rome quite **EARLY**
- d) The Gospel most likely came to Rome through the Jews who traveled to **PENTECOST**
- 2. The ETHNIC tensions in the Roman Congregations
- D. WHY?
 - 1. Paul's **MISSIONARY** Purpose
 - 2. Paul's **APOLOGETIC** Purpose
 - 3. Paul's **PASTORAL** Purpose

II. The STRUCTURE of Romans

- A. 1:1-17 The **GOSPEL** of God
- B. 1:18 3:20 **ALIENATION** from God
- C. 3:21 5:21 **RECONCILIATION** to God
- D. 6-8 -**SANCTIFIED** by God
- E. 9-11 The **FAITHFULNESS** of God
- F. 12-16 The **TRANSFORMED** People of God

III.Paul's INTRODUCTION — 1:1

- A. His **SERVANTHOOD**
- B. His **STATUS**
- C. His **SEPARATION**