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# The Grace of His Calling

Romans 1:1-7

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Romans 1:1-7 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, -



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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, 6 including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, 7 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. (ESV)



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I. God has called us for His purposes.

A. We are called to serve the King.

*1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus,*

- Luke 9:57-62 As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” 58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” 59 To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” -*

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- *60 And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” 61 Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” 62 Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”*



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- *Mark 10:42-45 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. -*



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- *45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”*

# The Grace of His Calling

I. God has called us for His purposes.

B. We are called to go.

called to be an apostle,

- *1 Corinthians 1:1 Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus...*
- *2 Corinthians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God...*
- *Galatians 1:1 Paul, an apostle—not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father...*



# The Grace of His Calling

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- *Ephesians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God...*
- *Colossians 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God...*
- *1 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus...*
- *2 Timothy 1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God...*



# The Grace of His Calling

I. God has called us for His purposes.

B. We are called to go.

- *Matthew 28:19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,*
- *John 20:21 Jesus said..."As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."*



# The Grace of His Calling

I. God has called us for His purposes.

C. We are called to proclaim.

*set apart for the gospel of God,*

- *Ephesians 4:7, 11-13 But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift...And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,*



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II. God has called us to His Son.

A. His Son was promised from the beginning.

*2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,*

- *Hebrews 1:1-3 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. -*

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## II. God has called us to His Son.

### A. His Son was promised from the beginning.

- *3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power...*
- *Luke 24:27 And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*

# The Grace of His Calling

II. God has called us to His Son.

A. His Son was promised from the beginning.

- *Genesis 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”*



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II. God has called us to His Son.

B. His Son is fully God and fully man.

*3 concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,*



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II. God has called us to His Son.

C. His Son was given so that we would believe.

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III. God has called us to be holy.

A. He loves us.

*7 To all those in Rome who are loved by God*

- *John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”*

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III. God has called us to be holy.

B. He has set us apart.

And called to be saints:

- *1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. -*



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III. God has called us to be holy.

B. He has set us apart.

- *11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.*

# The Grace of His Calling

III. God has called us to be holy.

C. He wants to pour grace and peace into our lives.

*Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

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## Spiritual Algebra:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{God's Calling} \\ & (\text{His Purpose} + \text{His Son} + \text{His Holiness}) \\ & = \\ & \text{Life} \\ & (\text{Grace} + \text{Peace})(\text{Now} + \text{Forever}) \end{aligned}$$





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**He has called us to His Son.**

**He has called us to be holy.**



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