1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
1:2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures,
1:3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh,
1:4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord,
1:5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles, for His name's sake,
1:6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;
1:7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
1:8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.
1:9 For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you,
1:10 always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.
1:11 For I long to see you in order that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established;
1:12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you while among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.
1:13 And I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented thus far) in order that I might obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.
1:14 I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.
1:15 Thus, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.
1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
1:17 For in the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.”
15:14 And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able also to admonish one another.

15:15 But I have written very boldly to you on some points, so as to remind you again, because of the grace that was given me from God.

15:16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles, ministering as a priest the gospel of God, that my offering of the Gentiles might become acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

15:17 Therefore in Christ Jesus I have found reason for boasting in things pertaining to God.

15:18 For I will not presume to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me, resulting in the obedience of the Gentiles by word and deed,

15:19 in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Spirit; so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.

15:20 And thus I aspired to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, that I might not build upon another man's foundation;

15:21 but as it is written, "They who had no news of Him shall see. And they who have not heard shall understand."

15:22 For this reason I have often been hindered from coming to you;

15:23 but now, with no further place for me in these regions, and since I have had for many years a longing to come to you

15:24 whenever I go to Spain -- I hope to see you in passing, and to be helped on my way there by you, when I have first enjoyed your company for a while –

15:25 but now, I am going to Jerusalem serving the saints.

15:26 For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.

15:27 Yes, they were pleased to do so, and they are indebted to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in their spiritual things, they are indebted to minister to them also in material things.

15:28 Therefore, when I have finished this, and have put my seal on this fruit of theirs, I will go on by way of you to Spain.

15:29 And I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fulness of the blessing of Christ.

15:30 Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me.

15:31 that I may be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints:

15:32 so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and find refreshing rest in your company.

15:33 Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.
16:1 I commend to you our sister Phoebe, who is a servant of the church which is at Cenchrea;
16:2 that you receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints, and that you help her in whatever matter she may have need of you; for she herself has also been a helper of many, and of myself as well.
16:3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,
16:4 who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles;
16:5 also greet the church that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia.
16:6 Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.
16:7 Greet Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen, and my fellow prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me.
16:8 Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.
16:9 Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.
16:10 Greet Apelles, the approved in Christ. Greet those who are of the household of Aristobulus.
16:11 Greet Herodion, my kinsman. Greet those of the household of Narcissus, who are in the Lord.
16:12 Greet Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. Greet Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord.
16:13 Greet Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine.
16:14 Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brethren with them.
16:15 Greet Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them.
16:16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.
16:17 Now I urge you, brethren, keep your eye on those who cause dissensions and hindrances contrary to the teaching which you learned, and turn away from them.
16:18 For such men are slaves, not of our Lord Christ but of their own appetites; and by their smooth and flattering speech they deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting.
16:19 For the report of your obedience has reached to all; therefore I am rejoicing over you, but I want you to be wise in what is good, and innocent in what is evil.
16:20 And the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.
16:21 Timothy my fellow worker greets you, and so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.
16:22 I, Tertius, who write this letter, greet you in the Lord.
16:23 Gaius, host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer greets you, and Quartus, the brother.
16:24 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.
16:25 Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past,
16:26 but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith;
16:27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.
1:1 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus
   called as an apostle
   set apart for the gospel of God
1:5 received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles
1:8 thanks his God for their faith
1:9 serves God in his spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son
1:9-10 calls God as his witness to his unceasingly prayers to succeed in coming to them
1:11 longs to see them in order that he may impart some spiritual gift to them
   that they may be established
   that he may be encouraged together with them while among them by each other's faith
1:12 doesn’t want them to be unaware that he has often planned to come to them
   (and has been prevented thus far)
   in order that he might obtain some fruit among them also
1:14 is under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians
   both to the wise and to the foolish
1:15 is eager to preach the gospel to they also who are in Rome
1:16 is not ashamed of the gospel
3:8 was slanderously reported and some affirm that he said, "Let us do evil that good may come"
5:3 exults in his tribulations
5:6 was helpless, and ungodly
5:8 was a sinner
5:10 was an enemy but was reconciled to God through the death of His Son
8:18 suffering
8:35 tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril, sword could not separate him from Christ’s love
8:38-39 is convinced that neither death, life, angels, principalities, things present, things to come, powers, height, depth, any other created thing, shall be able to separate believers from God’s love in Christ Jesus our Lord
9:2-3 has great sorrow and unceasing grief in his heart for the sake of Israel
10:1 his heart's desire and prayer to God for them is for their salvation
11:1 is an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin
   – proof that God has not rejected His people
11:13 is an apostle of Gentiles
11:13-14 magnifies his ministry
   so as to move to jealousy his fellow countrymen and save some of them
15:15 has written very boldly to them on some points
   so as to remind them again
15:15-16 God’s grace given him to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles,
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so that from Jerusalem and round about as far as Illyricum 
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15:20 aspired to preach the gospel where Christ was not named 
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15:23 but now, with no further place for him in these regions 
15:23 has had for many years a longing to come to them 
15:24 plans to go to Spain 
15:24 hopes to see them in passing, 
and to be helped on his way there by them when he has first enjoyed their company for a while 

15:25 now he is going to Jerusalem serving the saints 
with a contribution from Macedonia and Achaia 
for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem 

15:28 when he has finished this, he will go on by way of them to Spain 
15:29 knows that when he comes to them, he will come in the fulness of the blessing of Christ 
15:30-32 urges them to pray for him 
that he may be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea 
that his service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints 
so that he may come to them in joy by the will of God 
and find refreshing rest in their company 

16:1-2 commends our sister Phoebe, a servant of the church at Cenchrea to them 
that they receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the saints 
and that they help her in whatever matter she may have need of them 
for she herself has also been a helper of many, 
and of Paul as well 

16:3-4 Prisca and Aquila once risked their own necks for his life 
16:7 was fellow prisoner with Andronicus and Junias, his kinsmen 
16:13 calls Rufus' mother his mother 
16:19 rejoices over the report of their obedience 
16:21 Timothy, his fellow worker, Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, his kinsmen are with him 
16:22 Tertius is his amanuensis 
16:23 Gaius is his host 
16:23 Erastus, the city treasurer & Quartus, the brother are with him
RECIPIENTS

1:5-6  the Gentiles among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ
1:7    all who are beloved of God in Rome
       called as saints
1:8    their faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world
1:9    prayed for unceasingly by Paul
1:13   brethren
1:15   you who are in Rome
2:17   if you bear the name “Jew”
4:1    familiar with Abraham (chapter 4) and David (4:6)
5:6    were helpless and the ungodly
5:8    were sinners
5:10   were enemies but were reconciled to God through the death of His Son
6:17   were slaves of sin (6:20) but became obedient from the heart to the teaching
6:18   having been freed from sin, you became slaves of righteousness
7:1    brethren who know the law
7:4    “my brethren”
8:12   brethren
8:16-17  are children of God, and heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ
9:23-24  are vessels of mercy whom God called from among Jews and Gentiles
11:13  you who are Gentiles
11:17  are as a wild olive, grafted the rich root of the olive tree
11:18  are not be arrogant toward the branches
11:25  brethren who are not be ignorant concerning the mystery of Israel’s partial hardening
11:30  once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their (Jews’) disobedience
12:1   brethren
12:14  to bless those who persecute them and curse not
12:19  to never take their own revenge, beloved
13:1   to be in subjection to the governing authorities
14:1-8 to accept the one who is weak in faith in respect to food and days
14:10  judging their brother or regarding him with contempt
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### AUTHOR

**Who:** Paul (1:1), an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin (11:1)

**What:** bondservant of Christ Jesus (1:1)
called an apostle (1:1), apostle of Gentiles (11:13)
a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles (11:16)
set apart for the gospel of God (1:1), preaches
gospel where Christ was not named (15:20)
a priest ministering the gospel of God (11:16)
fully preached the gospel of Christ from Jerusalem
to Illyricum {about 1,400 miles} (15:19)

**Where:** was in Macedonia & Achaia (15:26)
in Gaius’ house (16:23) in Corinth (16:1-2)
going to Jerusalem (15:25) with a contribution
for the poor saints there (15:26)
plans to go to Rome & then to Spain (15:24, 28)

**When:** during his 3rd missionary journey (about AD56-58)

**Why:**
1. To establish them in the gospel (1:11) through a complete & detailed presentation of the gospel (15:15-16)
2. To give instruction in the basic truths of salvation & of Christian living
3. To explain his delay in coming to see them in Rome (15:20-28)
4. To announce his plans to see them (15:24, 28-29)
5. To enlist their support for his proposed missionary trip to Spain (15:23-25)
6. To ask for prayer for his time in Jerusalem (15:30-32)

**Occasion for Writing:** Phoebe’s planned business trip to Rome (16:1-2)

### RECIPIENTS

**Who:** the called of Jesus Christ (1:6)
beloved of God in Rome (1:7)
called saints (1:7)
Jewish believers (2:17; 4:1, 12; 9:24) and
Gentile believers (1:5-7; 9:24; 11:13)

**Chapter 16 – Prisca & Aquila (v3-4), Epaenetus (v5), Mary (v6), Andronicus & Junias (v7), Ampliatus (v8), Urbanus & Stachys (v9), Apelles (v10), Aristobulus’ household (v10), Herodion (v11), Narcissus’ household (v11), Tryphaena & Tryphosa (v12), Persis (v12), Rufus & his mother (v13), Asuncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas & the brethren with them (v14), Philologus & Julia, Nereus & his sister, & Olympas & all the saints with them (v15)

**What:** faith proclaimed thro’out the whole world (1:8)
report of their obedience has reached to all (16:19)
full of goodness, filled with all knowledge,
able to admonish one another (15:14)
house churches (16:4, 14, 15)

**Where:** in Rome (1:7, 15)

### PROBLEMS

**Practical:** facing tribulation (5:3; 12:12, 14, 17-21)

**Political:** subjection to governing authorities (13:1-7)

**Cultural:** accepting one another’s convictions about food (14:1-15:7)

**Polemical:** those who cause dissensions & hindrances, slaves to their own appetites, deceiving the unsuspecting by their smooth & flattering speech (16:17-18)

**Theological:**
1. Universal Sin (1:18-3:20)
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3. Israel’s Unbelief (ch 9-11)
Theme: The Gospel (1:16-17)

God’s Righteousness

The Righteousness of God
The Gospel of Jesus Christ
God’s Salvation for Sinners
The Power of God to Salvation
The Constitution of the Christian Faith
From Sinners to Saints
From Condemnation to Sanctification

Historical Setting
1. Slander against Paul (3:8)
2. Paul had not been to Rome but plans to go there (15:22-24, 28-29)
3. Those who cause dissensions & hindrances & deceive hearts of the unsuspecting (16:17-18)
4. Roman Church comprises of Jewish & Gentile believers meeting in house churches (16:3, 14-15)

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Author: Paul, bondservant of Christ Jesus, called apostle, set apart for the gospel (1:1), apostle of Gentiles (11:13), priest ministering the gospel of God (11:16), church planter (15:19-20)


Date: AD 56-58
Place: Corinth, in Gaius’ home (16:1-2, 23)

Key Words: gospel, sin, righteous (-ness), faith, believe (-s), Law, death, justify (-ies, -ier, -ication)

Occasion of writing: Phoebe’s planned business trip to Rome (16:1-2)
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