

August 20, 2023

Romans: Rooted in Jesus

Including You

Romans 1:1-7



For Discussion and Reflection

1. Re-read our text for this morning, Romans 1:1-7. What stands out to you?
2. Isolate vv2-4. What does Paul say about Jesus in the realm of human history? What does he mean by the word "declared"? Compare this to Hebrews 1:1-14. What are the implications of Jesus as "Lord"?
3. Why is the resurrection of Jesus a pivotal moment in human history and the history of salvation? Consider 1 Corinthians 15:20-28.
1. Why does the apostle use his Roman name, Paul? Why would Paul have gone by his Jewish name? What does Acts 9:15 suggest? Consider Acts 13:26-47.
2. How does Paul affirm the historical, ethnic root of God's people in this text? How does that support his purpose in this letter? Consider Romans 11:1-6, 17-24.
3. What does "the obedience of faith" mean, v5? NIV says, "the obedience that comes from faith." KJV says, "for obedience to the faith." Consider how else Paul speaks of this in his letter: Romans 5:19, 6:16,26; 15:18; 16:19,26. Is it better interpreted: obedience that is faith; obedience resulting from faith; or both?
4. Paul ends his greeting with "grace and peace," v7. What are the implications for a person living in Rome under Nero?
5. What did you learn today? How does this text reorient your understanding of the gospel? How does it help you understand your identity? How does it shape your view of Jesus' church?