



Living To The Glory of God Daily

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“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,² (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,) ³ Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh; ⁴ And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead: ⁵ By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name: ⁶ Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ: ⁷ To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers; ¹⁰ Making request, if by any means now at length I might have a prosperous journey by the will of God to come unto you. ¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; ¹² That is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me” (Romans 1:1-12).

Introduction

When we open the book of Romans, we are standing upon holy ground. Many have called this epistle *the crown jewel of Paul's writings*. Here, the apostle lays out the foundation of the Christian faith. But before he launches into deep doctrines of justification, sanctification, and glorification, he first opens his heart to the believers at Rome.

And what a heart it is! These opening verses are more than greetings. They are rich with truth—truth that speaks to us today. Paul was writing nearly two thousand years ago to saints in

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“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).

Rome, but the same Spirit that inspired him speaks now to us who live in the United Kingdom, Africa, America, and all over the world.

The question before us today is this: *How can we, as Christians, live lives and render service that glorify God in our day?* In Romans 1:1-12, Paul shows us principles that every believer must embrace if we would bring honour to Christ.

1. A Life Separated Unto God

Paul introduces himself as “*a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God*” (Romans 1:1).

To be separated means to be set apart. Before his conversion, Paul was separated to the Law and Jewish traditions. But after meeting Christ on the Damascus Road, he was separated to the gospel.

Illustration: A vessel in the king's palace may look like any other vessel, but it is kept apart for the king's use. You dare not use it for common things. In the same way, the believer's life is set apart for Christ.

- *2 Corinthians 6:17 – Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.*

Application: Beloved, we glorify God not by blending in with the world, but by living distinctively holy lives. Your colleagues, neighbours, and friends should see Christ in you.



2. Centred on the Gospel of Christ

Paul reminds us that this gospel was “promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures, concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord” (Romans 1:2-3)

The centre of our message is not prosperity, politics, or personality—it is Christ! The gospel is not advice for better living; it is the good news of salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- *1 Corinthians 2:2 – For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.*

Illustration: A compass needle always points north. Likewise, the church’s needle must always point to Christ.

Application: Dearly beloved, does your conversation point people to Christ, or merely to yourself? Do your ministries and testimonies glorify Him or man? **To live for God’s glory, keep Christ at the centre.**

3. Living in the Power of the Resurrection

Paul says Christ is “declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead” (Romans 1:4).

The resurrection is not only proof that Jesus is the Son of God, but also the power for our daily living.

- *Romans 6:4 – Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Illustration: A light bulb cannot shine without being connected to the source of electricity. In the same way, the Christian cannot shine apart from the power of the risen Christ.

Application: Are you walking in the newness of life, or are you still bound by the chains of the old man? Resurrection power is available for victory over sin, for strength in trials, and for

boldness in witness.

4. Obedience of Faith for His Name

Paul says he received grace and apostleship “for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name” (Romans 1:5).

Faith and obedience are twins—they walk hand in hand. True faith leads to obedience. True obedience springs from faith.

- *John 14:15 – If ye love me, keep my commandments.*

Application: Many today profess faith, but live in disobedience. Beloved, lip service does not glorify God; a life of surrendered obedience does. Ask yourself: Does my faith result in obedience that honours Christ’s name?

5. Living as the Called of Jesus Christ

Paul addresses the saints as “beloved of God, called to be saints” (Romans 1:6–7).

This is our identity—we are saints, not because of our goodness, but because of God’s call.

- *1 Peter 2:9 – But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.*

Illustration: Imagine a soldier walking through town in uniform. Everyone knows he belongs to the army. So it is with the Christian—our conduct must show we belong to Christ.

Application: Live every day conscious of who you are—God’s beloved, called to holiness.

6. A Witnessing and Thankful Faith

Paul rejoices that the faith of the Roman Christians was “spoken of throughout the whole world” (Romans 1:8).

Faith that glorifies God cannot remain hidden; it shines forth as a testimony.



- *Matthew 5:16 – Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.*

Illustration: A lighthouse does not hide its light but shines so ships may find safety.

Application: Is your faith visible to others, or is it hidden? Let your life speak loudly of Christ, so that others may glorify God.

7. Serving God with a Sincere Spirit

Paul declares, “*God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son*” (*Romans 1:9*).

True service is not mere outward duty but spiritual sincerity.

- *Colossians 3:23 – And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.*

Application: Do you serve to please men or to glorify God? Service done in the Spirit, with sincerity, is what God accepts.

8. Prayerful Desire for God’s Will

Paul continually prayed, submitting his journey to “*the will of God*” (*Romans 1:9–10*).

- *Proverbs 3:5–6 – Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.*

Illustration: A ship without a rudder will drift aimlessly. Prayer keeps us aligned with God’s will, so our lives do not drift.

Application: Beloved, do you bring your plans, journeys, and desires before God in prayer? Prayer is not asking God to bless our will, but submitting ourselves to His will.

9. Building Up One Another in Faith

Paul longed to see the believers, “*that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established, that is, that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both*

of you and me” (*Romans 1:11–12*).

The Christian life is not solitary—we need one another.

- *Hebrews 10:24–25 – And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.*

Illustration: A coal removed from the fire soon grows cold, but coals together keep one another burning.

Application: Do not neglect Christian fellowship. Encourage one another, pray for one another, and strengthen one another. That is how we glorify God as His body.

Conclusion

In *Romans 1:1–12*, Paul lays out the path for living a life that glorifies God:

- 1) Live separated unto God.
- 2) Keep Christ at the centre.
- 3) Walk in resurrection power.
- 4) Obey in faith.
- 5) Remember your calling as saints.
- 6) Let your faith be a visible witness.
- 7) Serve with sincerity.
- 8) Pray according to God’s will.
- 9) Build up one another in faith.

Beloved, if we embrace these principles, our lives, our homes, our churches will shine brightly for Christ in this dark world.

1 Corinthians 10:31 – Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

Closing Appeal:

Dearly beloved, will you today commit afresh to living for God’s glory? Will you say with Paul, “*For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain*” (*Philippians 1:21*)?