

Why Are We Here?

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Romans 1:1–7 (ESV)

¹ 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, 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.

As we enter 2021, a good question to ask is “Why are we here?” The best way to understand this is to have a good Systematic Theology. There are multitudes and multitudes of volumes written on Systematic Theology. However, the best Systematic Theology ever written are the 16 chapters of the Book of Romans. Therefore, to answer the question of “Why are we here,” and how to face 2021, the Book of Romans is the best place to begin that understanding. We have the foundational presentation of the Christian faith in the first seven verses. This foundation of the Christian faith is absolutely essential to understand “Why We Are Here!

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Verse 1 declares we are set apart for the gospel of God! This purpose should infiltrate every aspect of our lives.

When was this job description established?

Verse 2, it was promised by God beforehand. Before our existence God established our purpose. Our identity!

By whose authority?

The authority came through God's prophets in the Holy Scriptures. We have a divine revelation of our purpose.

What is the main subject matter for our purpose?

Verse 3, we see this divine revelation is concerning God's Son. It is important for us to keep the main thing the main thing.

How can we humanly identify God's Son?

God's Son descended from David according to the flesh. God clearly make HIS Son's human lineage traceable and identifiable. We have clear historical documentation.

How can we be sure that this human is the Son of God?

Verse 4 declares that the Son of God will come in power according to the Holy Spirit. The Son of God will operate in the supernatural power of God. His Name is Jesus and the greatest confirmation is HIS resurrection from the dead.

Why is Jesus imperative in our lives today?

Verse 5 reveals that only through Jesus do we have grace or favor and power. Favor from God and power from God can only come through Jesus. Keep the main thing the main thing!

Why is Grace, favor and power, so important?

Grace or favor and power bring about the obedience of faith. Faith is hearing God and doing what HE says. Therefore, with the favor to hear what God says, we have the power to do it.

Why is obedience of faith so important?

Hearing God and doing what HE says with power is God's witness to the nations. Powerless and faithless people are not a witness of God. The Book of Romans will go into great detail about the Holy Spirit indwelling us and empowering us which is absolutely necessary to be a witness to Jesus.

Who is responsible for this witness of power and faith?

Verse 6 says, "This witness of power and faith is for all us." It says, "This includes you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ." This is not a special group of people. This is for all believers. We are to live in favor and power.

To whom was the book of Romans, this Systematic Theology written? Who is supposed to understand all that God has to say? This wasn't written to some professor in a Seminary!

Verse 7 says Romans was written, “To all those who are loved by God and called [to be] saints.” The “to be” is not in the original language. The word saints mean “set apart”. Thus, literally this Systematic Theology of Romans was written, “To all those who are loved by God and called the “set apart”! Thus verse 7 continues and declares, that as the “set apart”, we have grace, favor and power, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus. Therefore, by studying Romans we will understand that “We are Here” to burn it up for Jesus in 2021.

We are God’s power house because God made us HIS powerhouse through Jesus.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.