

"Paul's Salutation to the Romans! (Part 1)"

(Romans 1:1-7)

I. Introduction:

A. Personal

1. Bible Study in South Carolina
2. Bible Study in New Hampshire

B. Practical

1. Henry Morton Stanley
2. Tarzan and Jane
3. Paul the Apostle

II. Exposition: Paul's Salutation to the Romans (1:1-7)

A. God's Messenger

1. His **identity**
 - a. Paul
 1. His **name**
 - Definition
 - Dual names
 2. His **name-change**
 - 1 Cor. 15:9 – Humility
 - 2 Cor. 10:1, 10 – Size
 - Acts 13:4-12 – Rapport
 - Gal. 2:6-10 - Calling
 - b. Bondservant (doulas) of Christ Jesus
 1. Definition
 - 1 Cor. 7:22 - Choice
 - Eph. 6:5-7 – Sincerity
 2. Duty
 - 1 Cor. 6:19-29 – Obligation
2. His **calling**
 - a. An apostle

1. Definition
 - Gal. 1:1 - Ambassador
 2. Duty
 - Eph. 2:19 – Foundation
 - Eph. 4:15 - Truth
- b. Set apart for the gospel of God
1. Definition
 - Gal. 1:15 – From man
 2. Duty
 - 2 Cor. 6:14-18 – The world

B. God's Messengers

1. The prophets
 - Hebrews 1:1
 - 2 Peter 1:20-21
2. The holy Scriptures
 - Psalm 119:89
 - 2 Timothy 3:16-17

III. Conclusion: ... God's Message -

- In what will I find my **identity**?
- To what have I been **called**?

Questions to reflect on individually and discuss in Small Groups:

1. What stuck out to you from the message? (What's your keeper?)
2. In what ways are people confused regarding their identity? Explain.
3. What did you learn about being a bondservant? What would it take for you to become or remain a bondservant of Jesus Christ?
4. Can you list some things to which you believe God has called you? What does it mean that you have been called to those things?
5. The Bible is a unified book. In what ways do you see that unity in the Old and New Testaments?
6. Finish this sentence with the primary thing that God is leading you to do: "In light of these passages and this discussion, I will ..." (What is your action point?)