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### Setting The Stage

Romans 1:1-7 Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as 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 born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, 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**, 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, 6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; 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**.

Romans 1:5-7 1

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### The Provision Given To Paul

Romans 1:5a ... **through whom we** have received **grace** and **apostleship**...

- "we" is an editorial we = it refers to Paul
- "grace and apostleship" = grace, namely apostleship...

Romans 15:15-16 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, **16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles**, ministering as a priest the gospel of God...

Romans 1:5-7 2

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### The Purpose Given To Paul

Romans 1:5b ...to bring about the **obedience of faith** among all the Gentiles for His name's sake...

- "obedience of faith"
- 1. Subjective = obedience that comes from faith
- 2. Objective = obedience to THE faith
- 3. Appositional = obedience that is faith

Romans 10:14b, 16a ...How will they **believe** in Him whom they have not heard? ... but they have not all **obeyed** the gospel.

Romans 1:5-7

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### The Privilege That Belongs To Believers

Romans 1:6-7...among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; 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.

- "called of Jesus Christ" = called to belong to Jesus Christ
- "called" in verses 6 and 7 = effectual calling
- "Grace" = God's unmerited favor
- "Peace" = cessation of hostility with God

Romans 1:5-7

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### Applications

1. We must understand that no human being can be saved apart from God's grace.
2. We must understand and rejoice in the unique "peace" that belongs exclusively to believers in Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:5-7

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### 1. God's Grace Is Essential

Deuteronomy 7:7-8 The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, **8 but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers**, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Romans 9:10-13 ...but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, **11 though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— 12 she was told, "The older will serve the younger."** **13** As it is written, "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

Romans 1:5-7

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### 1. Understanding God's Grace

- **Common grace:** Favor that God bestows on believers and unbelievers alike (Matt. 5:44-45).
- **Prevenient grace (unbiblical):** The view that God empowers everyone to believe the gospel.

Matthew 13:11 Jesus answered them, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, **but to them it has not been granted.**"

- **Saving grace:** God empowers His elect to believe the gospel.
- John 6:44 No one can come to Me **unless the Father who sent Me draws him**; and I will raise him up on the last day.

Romans 1:5-7

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### 2. Only Believers In Christ Have True Peace

Isaiah 59:7-8 Their feet run to evil, and they hasten to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity, devastation and destruction are in their highways. **8 They do not know the way of peace**, and there is no justice in their tracks; they have made their paths crooked, whoever treads on them does not know peace.

Jeremiah 6:14 They have healed the brokenness of My people superficially, Saying, '**Peace, peace,**' **But there is no peace.**

Romans 5:1 Therefore, having been justified **by faith**, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Romans 1:5-7

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## 2. Only Believers In Christ Have True Peace

Isaiah 9:6-7 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this.

### Believers and Peace:

Before Christ – Peace with the world/ Enemies of God  
Believers now – Peace with God/ Enemies of the world  
Believers in the Kingdom – Peace with God/Peace in the world

Romans 1:5-7

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