

## **Romans 1**

### **King James Version**

**1 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.**

**13 Now I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you, (but was let hitherto,) that I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other Gentiles.**

**14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.**

**15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.**

**16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.**

**17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.**

**18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**

**19 Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.**

**20 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:**

**21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.**

**22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,**

**23 And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.**

**24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:**

**25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.**

**26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:**

**27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.**

**28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;**

**29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,**

**Maliciousness is the desire to harm others, characterized by spite, malevolence, and finding pleasure in seeing others suffer. It refers to hateful, vindictive, or wicked behavior motivated by a deliberate intent to cause pain or humiliation. The term stems from the Latin *malitiosus* ("wicked") and represents a, fortunately, rare form of behavior.]**

**[Malignity (pronounced muh-LIG-nuh-tee) refers to intense ill will, deep-seated malice, or a desire to see others suffer. It also describes the quality of being extremely harmful, such as a severe disease or destructive, evil nature. Synonyms include malevolence, spite, venom, and rancor.]**

**<sup>30</sup> Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,**

**<sup>31</sup> Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:**

**[implacable /im'plakəb(ə)l/**

**Implacable describes someone or something that cannot be appeased, satisfied, or changed, often showing relentless hostility or refusal to yield. It means refusing to be pacified, such as an implacable enemy]**

**<sup>32</sup> Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.**

## SERMON OUTLINE

### “Not Ashamed: The Gospel That Saves, Transforms, and Sends”

**Text:** **Romans 1 (KJV)**

**Theme:** The power of the gospel to save the sinner, discipline the believer, and compel the church to win souls

**Key Verse:**

***“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ...”***  
**(Romans 1:16)**

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## I. THE SERVANT CALLED, THE GOSPEL COMMISSIONED (Romans 1:1–7)

### A. Paul’s Identity: A Servant Before an Apostle

- **“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle...” (v.1)**
- Before influence comes surrender. Paul defines himself not by position but by submission.

### Illustration (2026):

In a world where identity is shaped by job titles, social media profiles, and algorithms, Paul reminds us that the believer’s first identity is **owned by Christ**. Just as a phone only functions when connected to a network, a believer only fulfills purpose when connected to Christ’s lordship.

### B. The Gospel Is God’s Eternal Plan

- Promised through prophets, fulfilled in Christ **(vv.2–4)**
- The resurrection proves Jesus is God’s Son with power.

### **Application:**

A disciplined Christian life begins with settled doctrine: Jesus is not just Savior—He is **Lord**.

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## **II. THE HEART OF A SOUL-WINNER (Romans 1:8–15)**

### **A. A Life of Prayer for People**

- Paul prayed **“without ceasing”** for believers he had never met **(v.9)**

### **B. A Desire to Impart Spiritual Strength**

- **“That I may impart unto you some spiritual gift...” (v.11)**

### **Illustration (2026):**

Just as updates strengthen and secure our devices, believers need spiritual deposits to remain stable in a corrupt world. Paul didn't just want converts—he wanted **established disciples**.

### **C. A Debt to the Lost**

- **“I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians...” (v.14)**
  - **Application:**  
A disciplined walk with God produces compassion, not pride. If Christ saved us, we owe the world a witness.
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## **III. THE POWER AND PURPOSE OF THE GOSPEL (Romans 1:16–17)**

### **A. Unashamed in a Hostile Culture**

- **“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ...” (v.16)**
- **Illustration (2026):**  
Cancel culture pressures people into silence. Paul’s courage challenges believers to speak truth with love, even when faith is unpopular or mocked.

## **B. Salvation by Faith Alone**

- **“The just shall live by faith” (v.17)**
- **Application:**  
Discipline is not legalism—it is daily faith lived out in obedience.

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## **IV. WHEN TRUTH IS SUPPRESSED AND WORSHIP IS DISTORTED (Romans 1:18–25)**

### **A. God Reveals Himself Clearly**

- Creation testifies to God’s power and nature **(vv.19–20)**
- **B. The Danger of Ungrateful Hearts**
- When people refuse to glorify God, minds become darkened **(vv.21–22)**

### **Illustration (2026):**

Rejecting truth is like ignoring warning lights on a dashboard. The lights don’t cause the breakdown—the refusal to respond does.

### **C. Replacing the Creator with Creation**

- Worship shifts from God to created things **(v.25)**

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## **V. THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNCHECKED SIN (Romans 1:26–32)**

## **A. God Gives People Over to Their Choices**

- Repeated phrase: **“God gave them up...” (vv.24, 26, 28)**

## **B. Sin Corrupts the Mind, Body, and Society**

- A long list of destructive behaviors follows **(vv.29–31)**

### **Important Pastoral Note:**

Paul is not singling out one group—he is diagnosing the human condition apart from God. The ground is level at the foot of the cross.

### **Application:**

Discipline through the Spirit frees the believer from the tyranny of the flesh and preserves the testimony of faith.

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## **VI. A CALL TO HOLY LIVING AND SOUL-WINNING**

### **A. Freedom Through Discipline**

- Living by faith means denying the flesh and yielding to the Spirit.

### **Illustration (2026):**

Just as athletes submit to training to win a crown, believers submit to spiritual discipline to win souls and honor Christ.

### **B. A Church on Mission**

- Paul’s theology produced **action—not isolation.**
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## **VII. INVITATION:**

### **FROM KNOWING ABOUT GOD TO KNOWING GOD**

#### **A. Salvation Call**

- **Knowing judgment is not enough; repentance is required (v.32)**

### **Invitation Language:**

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, lived sinlessly, died sacrificially, and rose victoriously. He calls you today—not just to believe facts, but to **surrender your life**.

***"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus..."***  
**(Romans later affirms what Romans 1 prepares us to understand.)**

### **B. Call to Believers**

- Lay aside secret sin
- Renew discipline
- Rekindle compassion for the lost

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### **CLOSING STATEMENT**

The gospel is not outdated.

It is **powerful, transforming,** and **urgent.**

In 2026, as in Rome, God still saves sinners, disciplines saints, and sends witnesses.

Let us live **unashamed,**

walk **disciplined,**

and serve **on mission.**

**Romans 3:10**

**As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one**

**Romans 3:23**

**For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.**

**Romans 5:12**

**Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**

**Romans 6:23**

**For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord**

**Romans 5:8**

**But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

**(commendeth = demonstrates, to show the love that God has for us through His son Jesus)**

**Romans 10:9-13**

**9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.**

**10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**

**11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.**

**12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.**

**13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

## **PART 2 re written for revival / evangelistic preaching**

### **“NOT ASHAMED: REVIVAL BEGINS WITH THE GOSPEL”**

**Text: Romans Chapter 1 (KJV)**

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#### **INTRODUCTION – WHY REVIVAL IS NEEDED NOW**

Church, revival is not God doing something new—it is God doing something **again**. Revival happens when God’s people return to God’s truth, God’s holiness, and God’s mission.

Paul wrote Romans to a church surrounded by moral decay, spiritual confusion, and cultural hostility. Sound familiar?

In Rome, sin was normal. Truth was mocked. Faith was dangerous. And yet Paul stands up and declares:

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation...” (Romans 1:16)

Revival always begins when the gospel is preached without shame, without apology, and without compromise.

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#### **I. REVIVAL RESTORES RIGHT IDENTITY (Romans 1:1)**

Paul opens with a single sentence that sets the tone:

“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle...”

Before Paul mentions apostleship, education, or calling, he declares **ownership**.

Revival begins when servants stop negotiating and start surrendering.

**Evangelistic emphasis:**

You cannot follow Jesus casually. You cannot serve Him partially. He is not Savior by vote—He is Lord by right.

*Illustration (2026):*

People today want Jesus as a life coach, not a Lord. But a car with no steering wheel may still run, but it will eventually crash. Revival steers the church back under Christ's authority.

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**II. REVIVAL REIGNITES BURDEN FOR SOULS (Romans 1:8–15)**

Paul prayed consistently. He cared deeply. He longed to strengthen believers and reach the lost.

"I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians..."

Revival restores the **weight of responsibility** for lost souls.

**Evangelistic emphasis:**

We are not debtors to culture.

We are not debtors to comfort.

We are debtors to the gospel.

*Illustration:*

In 2026, we are more connected than ever—yet more disconnected spiritually. Paul reminds us that the gospel is not meant to be stored; it is meant to be **shared**.

A church in revival does not ask, "*Who will go?*"

A revived church says, "*Send me.*"

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**III. REVIVAL REQUIRES UNASHAMED PREACHING (Romans 1:16–17)**

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ..."

Paul was not ashamed—not because it was popular, but because it was **powerful**.

This gospel:

- Still saves sinners
- Still breaks chains
- Still transforms lives

*Evangelistic emphasis:*

The gospel is not self-help.

The gospel is not motivational speech.

The gospel is resurrection power.

*Illustration:*

In an age of “cancel culture,” fear silences truth. But hell is not intimidated by silence, and souls are not saved by secrecy.

Revival comes when preachers preach again, churches testify again, and believers witness again—with boldness and love.

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#### **IV. REVIVAL EXPOSES THE COST OF REJECTING GOD (Romans 1:18–25)**

Paul now shifts from grace offered to truth rejected.

“The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness...”

God reveals Himself clearly—through creation, conscience, and Christ. The issue is not **lack of information**, but **resistance to truth**.

*Illustration:*

Ignoring God’s truth is like ignoring emergency alerts on your

phone. The alerts don't cause the disaster—the refusal to respond does.

Revival confronts deception. Revival calls sin what God calls it. Revival restores reverence.

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## **V. REVIVAL WARNS OF UNCHECKED SIN (Romans 1:26–32)**

Three times Scripture says:

“God gave them up...”

This is one of the most terrifying judgments in Scripture—not when God strikes, but when God steps back.

Sin enslaves. Sin darkens. Sin destroys. And the flesh, if undisciplined, will lead us where we never intended to go.

### **Evangelistic clarity:**

Paul is not pointing fingers—he is sounding an alarm. Every one of us stands guilty apart from grace.

Revival is not condemnation—it is **intervention**.

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## **VI. REVIVAL CALLS FOR DISCIPLINED, HOLY LIVING**

Revival discipline is not bondage—it is freedom.

### *Illustration:*

Just like athletes train with intensity to win a crown that fades, believers discipline themselves to win souls that last forever.

A revived believer:

- Walks in repentance
- Lives in holiness

- Breaks with secret sin
- Hungers for righteousness

Discipline weakens the flesh and strengthens the Spirit.

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## **VII. EVANGELISTIC ALTAR CALL – FROM KNOWING GOD TO SURRENDERING TO GOD**

Paul ends the chapter reminding us that knowing truth without obedience leads to death.

Tonight, revival draws a line.

### **TO THE LOST:**

You may know religion.

You may know Scripture.

You may know about God.

But do you **know Him**?

Jesus Christ:

- Lived sinlessly
- Died sacrificially
- Rose victoriously

And He calls you now—not later, not someday—**now**.

### **TO BELIEVERS:**

If discipline has faded...

If sin has returned...

If compassion has cooled...

Revival is calling you home.

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## **ALTAR INVITATION (PREACHER READABLE)**

“If you need salvation, step out now.  
If you need restoration, step out now.  
If you want revival in your heart, step out now.  
Don’t wait. Don’t reason. Don’t resist.”

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## **CLOSING DECLARATION**

The gospel is still powerful.  
Revival is still possible.  
Jesus is still Lord.

Let us live **unashamed**,  
walk **disciplined**,  
and go **soul-winning**—  
until Jesus comes.

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