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The Intro of Romans

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Romans 1:1-17 ¹Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, and set apart for the gospel of God— ²the gospel He promised beforehand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, ³regarding His Son, who was a descendant of David according to the flesh, ⁴and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵Through Him and on behalf of His name, we received grace and apostleship to call all those among the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. ⁶And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. ⁷To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being proclaimed all over the world. ⁹God, whom I serve with my spirit in preaching the gospel of His Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you ¹⁰in my prayers at all times, asking that now at last by God's will I may succeed in coming to you. ¹¹For I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you, ¹²that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. ¹³I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, how often I planned to come to you (but have been prevented from visiting until now), in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles. ¹⁴I am obligated both to Greeks and non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. ¹⁵That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome. ¹⁶I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, then to the Greek. ¹⁷For the gospel reveals the righteousness of God that comes by faith from start to finish, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." (BSB)

I. Who was this written by?

A. A man named Tertius **wrote** down this book.

Romans 16:22 I, Tertius, who wrote down this letter, greet you in the Lord.

B. The Apostle Paul **told** Tertius what to write. V.1

II. Who was it written to?

A. It was written to the "saints" in **Rome**. V. 7

B. These saints were mainly **gentile** believers in Christ. V.13-15

C. It was written to **us!** V. 16

III. What were the main goals of this letter?

A. It was written to let them know that Paul was **praying** for them. V. 8-10

B. It was to **encourage** the believers in this very wicked city. V. 11-12

C. It was written to emphasize the meaning and **importance** of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. V.16-17

IV. What can we learn from this passage?

A. We need to be praying for **one another**.

B. We need to be praying for Christians who are being **persecuted**.

C. Our emphasis has got to be in **leading** people to Jesus Christ through the Gospel!

D. We cannot be **ashamed** of this calling that all believers have.