



# Sermon Notes

Series: An In-depth Study of Romans

Sermon: **Finally, Good News!** Romans 1:1-7

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## WHY CAN I TRUST THE BOOK OF ROMANS?

- Who was the Apostle Paul? (Acts 9:4-5; 22:3 • 1 Corinthians 15:9 • Galatians 1:11-17)
- The Apostles were a select group of people that Jesus personally gave \_\_\_\_\_ to write the New Testament and organize the church in the 1st Century.

“This is why we constantly thank God, because when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you welcomed it not as a human message, but as it truly is, the word of God, which also works effectively in you who believe.” – Paul, 1 Thessalonians 2:13

## WHAT IS THE GOOD NEWS?

#1. The Good News is \_\_\_\_\_ news. Romans 1:1 • Galatians 1:11-12

#2. The Good News is \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 1:2-3

#3. The Good News is that Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_ to the world’s problems.  
Romans 1:2 • John 14:6; 16:33 • Isaiah 9:6-7 • Revelation 21:3-5

#4. The Good News is that God became \_\_\_\_\_ so He could save us from our sins and solve the world’s problems. Romans 1:3-4 • John 1:14 • 1 John 1:1; 4:2 • 2 John 7 • Hebrews 2:17; 4:15

#5. The Gospel is “news” not \_\_\_\_\_. Romans 1:1-4

The Gospel is fact-based, proven, historical truth that ...  
... will give us the power to live this life.  
... is the only salvation for both this life, and eternity.  
... applies to everyone.  
... is the only way to be right with God.

What might I do with this news? \_\_\_\_\_  
Romans 1:5-7



# LIFE GROUP Questions

Please Fill Out the Following BEFORE Arriving at Your Life Group

## 1. SHARE YOUR PRAYER REQUESTS AND ANSWERED PRAYERS:

**2. REVIEW:** What was the one big thing from Sunday's worship/sermon that blessed, encouraged, confused, or challenged you?

**3. GETTING TO KNOW YOU:** This weekend we were introduced to the book of Romans written by the apostle Paul. We were reminded that Paul got a great education and became a skeptic of Christianity. He did some pretty amazing things and then trusted in Jesus and did even greater things. Like Paul, many of us also have a story of what life was like before Jesus and what it's been like after. If someone were to ask you to bullet-point some of your before and after story, what would you say?

Before:

After:

## 4. DIGGING DEEPER: *(as a group discuss your answers of as many of the following as time allows)*

a) How might the following verses help someone who struggles with moving forward from a troubled past?

2 Corinthians 5:17

Romans 6:4

b) Why does grace make the gospel such good news?

c) A common theme in the writings of Paul is his reminder of God's grace for us. As we learn more about God's grace, we come to understand it wasn't meant to just forgive us of our sin and reunite us to God. How does the following verse paint a picture of God's bigger purpose for giving us grace?

1 Timothy 1:12-17

1 Peter 4:10

**5. APPLICATION:** After reading the above verses, how would you like to see God's grace in your life?