



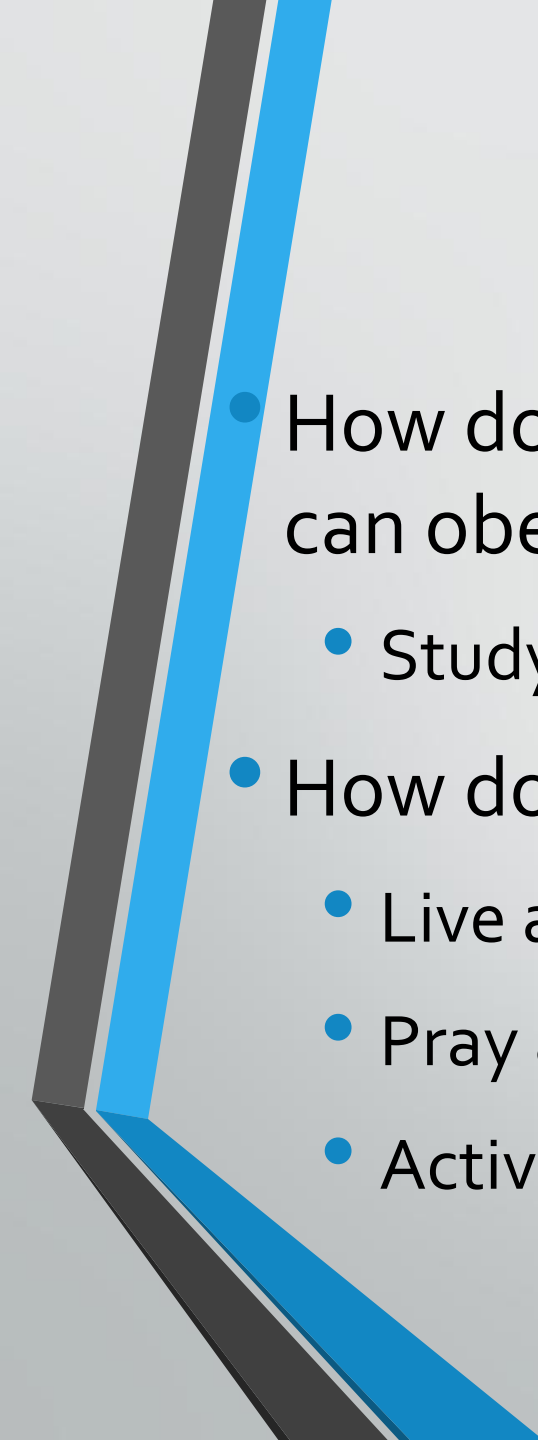
ROMANS 1:1-17

● INTRODUCTION

- The study of the book of Romans is important because:
- It explains the core theology of sin, God's grace, and salvation.
- The book of Romans sparked the Reformation (Martin Luther discovered justification by faith through the book of Romans)
- It is a good book against false teachings
- It explains foundation of Christian life (living by the grace of God)

- Please read Romans 1:1-17 quietly, prayerfully, meditatively
- V.1: “Called to be an apostle and set apart for the Gospel of God”. What is an apostle?
- Are all of us called to be an apostle?
- Are all of us have a unique calling from God like Paul?
- Understanding God’s calling is important because:
 - It will reduce stress and burn out
 - It gives us purpose and joy of living in this world
 - We can receive God’s blessings and protection on earth
 - We can experience miracles

- There are two types of God's calling: General calling and specific calling for ministry .
- General calling is to live a Christian or Godly life which is based on the two greatest commandments and it is for everyone and began at the creation of Adam and Eve and will never end (even when we live in heaven).
- Specific calling for ministry is different because:
 - Ministry is getting people saved and grow spiritually and is primarily God's work.
 - It began with sin and ends when Jesus returns
 - God has given each Christian a specific role in His ministry of saving people and growing spiritually

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- How do you discover God's general calling in details so we can obey it in our daily lives?
 - Study the bible, learn from other Christians
 - How do you discover God's specific calling in ministry?
 - Live a Christian life (obey God's general calling)
 - Pray and ask God to reveal His will in your life
 - Actively serving God in the church

- Please read verse 3,4
- The verse seems to say Jesus was human when he was born on Earth and later the Holy Spirit made Him God through His resurrection. Do you agree or disagree? Please explain.
- Can Jesus be 100% human only?
 - No. If Jesus is only human then he cannot save us as he is also a sinner.
- Can Jesus be 100% God only?
 - No. If Jesus is only God then he cannot fulfill the prophecy of the Savior where the Savior must be a descendant of Adam and Eve

- Can Jesus be human only when he was born on Earth and then became God later (after death)?
 - No. If Jesus is human then became God then this open to false teaching where humans can become God.
- Can Jesus be God before coming to earth, then lose his divinity when He became human, and then regain His divinity after resurrection?
 - No. Then he cannot forgive sins and know the thoughts of men.
- The only way for Jesus to be the Lord and Savior (fulfill OT prophecy and do what He did on earth) is He must be both 100% human and 100% God at the same time while on earth. This is confirmed by other verses in the bible.

- How can Jesus be both 100% God and 100% human?
- DNA code and birth process (x and y chromosomes),
- Other significant points in 1:1-17
- Verse 5: Obedience that comes from faith (not the law), for Jesus' name. What does it mean obedience that comes from faith?
- Verse 7: called to be saints (His holy people): what does it mean?
- Verse 9: "that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers"(Paul regularly pray for others)
- Verse 11: spiritual gifts are needed to be strong (grow spiritually)

- Verse 16: What does it mean that “the Gospel is the power of God that brings salvation for those who believe”?
- Verse 17: the just shall live by faith. This is the theme of the book of Romans.
- Why this theme, the “Just shall live by faith” is important?
- It explains God’s grace
- It explain the nature of humans
- It explains how to go to heaven
- It explains how to live a Christian life