

# Good News Long Ago

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## **Romans 1:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> This letter is from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach his Good News. <sup>2</sup> God promised this Good News long ago through his prophets in the holy Scriptures. <sup>3</sup> The Good News is about his Son. In his earthly life he was born into King David's family line, <sup>4</sup> and he was shown to be the Son of God when he was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord. <sup>5</sup> Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name. <sup>6</sup> And you are included among those Gentiles who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> I am writing to all of you in Rome who are loved by God and are called to be his own holy people.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

### **Christ is the Answer to God's Promises**

*God saw everything that he had made,  
and indeed, it was very good.*

*Genesis 1:31*

*The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden  
to tend and watch over it.*

*Genesis 2:15*

#### **1. GOD'S ANSWER TO HUMAN SIN IS \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you." Genesis 12:2-3*

*Should we conclude that we Jews are better than others? No, not at all, for we have already shown that all people, whether Jews or Gentiles, are under the power of sin.* Romans 3:9

## **2. GOD'S ANSWER TO ISRAEL'S SIN IS \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"For when you die and are buried with your ancestors, I will raise up one of your descendants, your own offspring, and I will make his kingdom strong. He is the one who will build a house—a temple—for my name. And I will secure his royal throne forever."*

2 Samuel 7:12–13

*You said, "I have raised up a warrior. I have selected him from the common people to be king. ... And he will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.' I will make him my firstborn son, the mightiest king on earth. I will love him and be kind to him forever; my covenant with him will never end. I will preserve an heir for him; his throne will be as endless as the days of heaven."*

Psalms 89:19,26–29

*He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, and you will bring me glory."*

*I replied, "But my work seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and to no purpose."*

*... He says, "You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation to the ends of the earth."* Isaiah 49:3–4, 6

## **3. MESSIAH'S COMING \_\_\_\_\_ THE AGE TO COME.**

*God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.* Romans 8:3

*All creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory.*

Romans 8:22–23

*For all of God's promises have been fulfilled in Christ with a resounding "Yes!" And through Christ, our "Amen" (which means "Yes") ascends to God for his glory.* 2 Corinthians 1:20

*Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways!*

Romans 11:33