

Series: Our Great Salvation
A Survey of Romans
Message: A Resolute Witness
Text: Romans 1:1-17 (AM 7/09/17)

Historians link most all the Church's great revivals and reformations directly to the book of Romans. Spiritual giants like Martin Luther, John Wesley, and John Bunyan found their inspiration in the pages of this great epistle. Its verses delight theologians, captivate bible scholars, and inspire ordinary Saints, while convicting the heart of the most depraved sinner. Paul's inspired pen causes the chapters to drip with theology while tackling the most profound doctrines of the Faith. Every serious student of Scripture, desiring to comprehend *Our Great Salvation*, cannot escape this soaring epistle. Let us, this summer and fall, embark upon an exciting Journey surveying Romans. It will equip you to be a *Resolute Witness* for the Gospel to your world.

I. The Glorious Gospel's Soldier (1: 5-15)

Where would the Gospel be without heroes of the faith?

- His **call** (1) *"Paul a bondservant of Jesus...called to be an apostle"*
- His **commission** (5) *"Among all the nations for His Name..."*
- His **concern** (6-15) *"I may find a way...to come to you" (10)*

II. The Glorious Gospel's Story (1:1b-4)

Where would the Gospel be without the Hope of our faith?

- The Son's **compassion** (1b) *"The Gospel of God which He promised"*
- The Son's **coming** (2-3) *"His Son Jesus...born of the seed of David"*
- The Son's **conquest** (4) *"By His resurrection from the dead..."*
- The Son's **choice** (4-5a) *"Through Him we have received Grace..."*

III. The Glorious Gospel's Spokesman (1:16-17)

Where would the Gospel be without the heralders of the faith?

- The Saint's **conviction** (16a) *"I am not ashamed of the Gospel..."*
- The Savior's **clarity** (16b) *"It is the power of God to Salvation..."*
- The Sinner's **confidence** (16c-17) *"To everyone who believes..."*

Application to life: If we conclude that the *Soldier* is inspiring and the *Story* is compelling, would we not commit to be undaunted *Spokesmen*? Our neighbors and the nations depend on our *response*! Aren't you ready to proclaim that *you will not be ashamed of Him*? To those who've not yet responded to the glorious Gospel, Salvation awaits those who will believe today!