

Romans 1:1-17 - Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. According to Romans 1:8-9 for what was Paul grateful (v8) and what was the evidence of this (v9)? Apply.	
5. Using 1:10-12 what did Paul constantly pray (v10) and why (v11)? What other benefit would occur through this (v12) and what does this tell us about serving others?	
6. Based on 1:13 what had Paul intended earlier but what had happened (v13)? What does this reveal about how God works in our lives?	
7. In 1:14-15 how did Paul describe the necessity of his mission (v14) and to whom did it apply (v14)? In general what was he saying? What attitude did he have about his mission (v15)?	
8. Read 1:16. How did Paul define the gospel and to what does it lead? How did he feel about it and who was it for? Why are people wrongly ashamed of the gospel?	
9. From 1:17 what does the gospel reveal and what is this? How is it revealed and what does this mean? How does Paul “prove” the truth of this statement?	
10. Looking back at Habakkuk 2:4 how does a proud person live, and how does a righteous person live? What is the result of each? How does this show the difference between righteousness by works and righteousness by faith?	
11. Summarize the power of God in the gospel shown in the Son, Jesus (1:1-7), in the service of Paul to the Romans (1:8-15), and in salvation by faith. How should this truth overcome any shame we might have about the gospel?	

Scripture to Remember

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is God’s power for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

Romans 1:16 (NET Bible)

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Life Group Questions—Choose to Forgive (Matt 18:21-35)

(Using questions from Sunday’s sermon, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship, helping us to grow in Christ.)

1. Share with the group some things that, for you, are very hard to forgive. What do you think is at the root of unforgiveness?
2. Look over Matt 18:21-35. What was Peter’s question and Jesus’ answer (v21-22). Summarize Jesus’ story (v23-35). In a few words what point is He making?
3. Explain the concept that forgiveness is both a “release from debt” and a “sending away”. How does this reveal what we want to do instead of forgiving?
4. Discuss the fact that forgiveness is an act of the will, an act of faith, and a unilateral act. Practically how do we apply that?
5. Of the three reasons to forgive—God’s grace to me, guilt (my need to be forgiven), grief (the damage from not forgiving) - which one motivates you the most?
6. Share with the group your story of the damages of not forgiving others—loss of relationships, loss of respect, and loss of God’s pleasure and favor.
7. Talk about how to forgive—focusing on God’s grace, focusing on one person at a time, seeking to understand, and waiting patiently. How each would look in your life?



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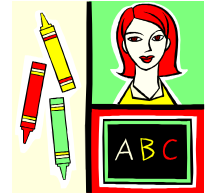
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Dy-No-Mite! Romans 1:1-17

In 1974 Jimmie “JJ” Walker uttered the famous phrase, “Dy-no-mite”, and propelled “Good Times” into one of television’s all-time most popular sitcoms. As the study in Romans begins, which is really a study in “Christianity 101”, a different type of “dy-no-mite” is presented—the dynamite, or power, of God. In Romans 1 the writer, Paul, the apostle, first talks about the power of the Son, Jesus, that was exhibited when God raised Him from the dead. Paul had been set apart for the gospel of God, which is the theme of the book. This gospel had been promised in the Old Testament and related to God’s Son, Jesus, who was a fleshly descendant of David. However, He was declared to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection of the dead. Paul had been called to bring

about the obedience of faith to God’s Son specifically among the Gentiles. Since he had never visited Rome he wrote a letter to help fulfill that purpose. These Roman Christians were beloved of God and also saints—ones set apart to Him. Paul thanked God for them and then spoke of the power of their service to each other. His knowledge of their faith that was being proclaimed all over the world encouraged him as he served God’s Son. He desired to meet them in person so that he could return the favor, imparting to them a spiritual gift that would help to establish them. Thus, they would be mutually encouraged by the faith of each other as they served God. He had so far been prevented by God to come to them, but felt divinely indebted to obtain fruit among them, just as he had



Understanding the basics of Christianity will help us to grow to maturity.

with other Gentiles. Finally, Paul spoke of the power of salvation by faith. In fact, he was not ashamed of the good news that people are saved by faith, rather than works, because it is the power of God unto salvation, regardless of distinction. This power of God unto salvation is revealed when people believe in Jesus, which in turn leads to greater faith in Him. Furthermore, this gospel shows the true righteousness of God, that He alone is right and His ways are right. So, anyone who will be right before Him will be so through faith in Him. This is truly “dy-no-mite” - the power of God.

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for God’s mission

Study Questions for Romans 1:1-17

(For answers go to [http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study questions](http://www.celebrationnet.com/abf/html/study%20questions))

1. Read Romans 1:1-5. Who wrote this letter (v1) and how does he describe himself (v1)? What was his purpose (v5) and what had God given him to accomplish this (v5)?	
2. In 1:2-4 when does Paul explain about when the gospel of God was promised (v2), who it was about (v3)? What was His human identity (v3) and what declared His divine identity (v4)? Who declared it?	
3. From 1:6-7 to whom was this letter written (v7) and what made them “special” (v6, 7)? What 2 things did Paul pray for them (v7) and from whom would this come (v7)? Explain.	

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