

*Series: Romans, # 1*

Called to Belong

**Romans 1:1-7**

When you hear 'Romans', what verses come to mind?

The apostle Paul authored \_\_\_\_\_ New Testament books:  
8 are letters to \_\_\_\_\_ that he founded  
3 are letters to \_\_\_\_\_ that he trained  
1 is a letter to \_\_\_\_\_  
Romans is distinct from these, in what ways?

From what you know about the city of Rome, would it have been easy to worship God there?

The introduction of a letter or book establishes the main idea/s going forward: from this passage, what does Paul consider essential for his readers?

Do you find it important to 'belong'? To a group, a project, a cause, a dream? Why is that so vital to us?

What do believers in Rome understand about "belonging to Jesus Christ"? What does that mean to you?

For next Sunday, study Romans 1:8-17

German reformer Martin Luther:

"Romans is really the chief part of the New Testament, and truly the purest gospel. It is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but also that they should occupy themselves with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul."

French theologian John Calvin:

"If we have gained a true understanding of the Epistle of Romans, we have an open door to all the most profound treasures of Scripture."

English Bible translator William Tyndale:

"Romans is the principal and most excellent part of the New Testament, the most pure glad tidings, and also a light and a way into the whole Scripture. The more it is studied, the easier it is; the more it is chewed, the pleasanter it is."

To understand the context of Paul's life and ministry, consult this helpful timeline

<https://www.blueletterbible.org/study/paul/timeline.cfm>