Romans 1

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Romans 1:1-7 Greeting

Romans 1:1

Paul, a bondservant

Called to be an apostle

Unique

Broader sense: Someone who plants and/or oversees churches

"Separated" Sense of holiness

Romans 1:2-7 Paul's message of the gospel

Romans 1:8-15 Desire to visit Rome

Romans 1:16-17 The just shall live by faith

Romans 1:18-32 God's wrath against unrighteousness

(18) God's wrath against unrighteousness

(19-20) God has been revealed through creation

(21) Although God is revealed in creation, they do not recognize Him

(22) They feel wise, but their thinking is foolish

(23) Since they didn't recognize God, they worshiped idols

- (24) Therefore, God gave them up
 -Stoics defined this word as "reaching after pleasure which defies all reasoning"
- (25) They exchanged the truth of God for a lie -Jewish saying, "Every fulfillment of duty is rewarded by another; and every transgression is punished by another."
- (26-27) God gave them over to vile passions

 -Leviticus 18:22 "Do not practice homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman. It is a detestable sin.
- (28-32) Sexual perversion is not the only result
- "The lost enjoy forever the horrible freedom they have demanded, and are therefore self-enslaved." -C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*