



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Lesson 1

Romans 1:1-15 Scripture Handout New Revised Standard Version

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

Each person should answer these two questions on their assigned verse.

1. What does this verse say?
 2. What does this verse mean to me?
- Discuss your answers with the class.

(Romans 1:1) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,

(Romans 1:2) which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures,

(Romans 1:3) the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh

(Romans 1:4) and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,

(Romans 1:5) through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name,

(Romans 1:6) including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

(Romans 1:7) To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Romans 1:8) First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed throughout the world.

(Romans 1:9) For God, whom I serve with my spirit by announcing the gospel of his Son, is my witness that without ceasing I remember you always in my prayers,

(Romans 1:10) asking that by God's will I may somehow at last succeed in coming to you.

(Romans 1:11) For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—

(Romans 1:12) or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine.

(Romans 1:13) I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as I have among the rest of the Gentiles.

(Romans 1:14) I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish

(Romans 1:15) —hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below:

Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?