

Romans 1

Day 1 – A Servant of Christ

Scripture: *Romans 1:1* – “Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.”

Devotional Thought:

Paul introduces himself not by achievements but by surrender: a servant of Christ. The word “servant” means bondsman, someone owned, belonging wholly to another. In a world obsessed with independence, Paul’s joy was in total dependence. True freedom is not found in living for ourselves but in belonging to Jesus. Just as Paul was set apart for the gospel, every believer is called to live separated lives for God’s purposes.

Reflection Question:

Am I living as if I belong fully to Jesus, or am I holding parts of my life back?

Prayer:

Lord, I surrender afresh today. Help me live as Your servant, gladly set apart for Your gospel.

Day 2 – The Gospel Promised

Scripture: *Romans 1:2–4* “...which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures, concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord...”

Devotional Thought:

The gospel wasn't an afterthought—it was promised long ago. From Genesis to the prophets, God prepared the way for His Son. Jesus is the center of the good news: fully man (descended from David) and fully God (declared by the resurrection). Our faith is not built on shifting ideas but on God's eternal plan fulfilled in Christ.

Reflection Question:

Do I treasure the gospel as God's ancient promise, fulfilled for me in Christ?

Prayer:

Father, thank You for keeping Your promises. Help me trust Your plan and treasure Jesus as the heart of the good news.

Day 3 – Called to Belong

Scripture: *Romans 1:5–7* – “...among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ.”

Devotional Thought:

The gospel doesn't just save us; it calls us. Paul reminds believers they are “beloved of God, called saints.” Being a saint isn't about perfection but about position, we are holy because we belong to the Holy One. Our new identity shapes our calling: to live holy, set-apart lives, reflecting Christ to the world.

Reflection Question:

Am I living in the identity God has given me—as His beloved, His saint?

Prayer:

Lord, thank You that I am loved and called by You. Help me live worthy of this calling, bringing glory to Your name.

Day 4 – Thankful for Faith

Scripture: *Romans 1:8* – “...your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world.”

Devotional Thought:

Paul rejoices that the Romans' faith was famous, not for wealth, power, or size, but for trust in God. Faith is contagious. In a city known for corruption and idolatry, their faith shone brightly. Our testimony should do the same. Even unseen acts of faith can echo loudly in a watching world.

Reflection Question:

Is my faith visible enough that others see Christ through me?

Prayer:

God, may my faith be a testimony of Your power. Let others see Jesus in me, even in the small daily choices I make.

Day 5 – Praying with Purpose

Scripture: *Romans 1:9–12* – “...that I may be comforted together with you by the mutual faith both of you and me.”

Devotional Thought:

Paul longed to visit Rome, not for sightseeing but for strengthening faith. Prayer connected him to them even when distance separated them. He prayed for their growth and mutual encouragement. We, too, can encourage one another through prayer, even for those we've never met.

Reflection Question:

Whom can I strengthen through prayer and encouragement today?

Prayer:

Father, put someone on my heart to pray for. Use me to encourage fellow believers, even from afar.

Day 6 – Debtors to the Gospel

Scripture: *Romans 1:14–15* – “I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians...”

Devotional Thought:

Paul saw himself as indebted, not because people had given him something, but because God had entrusted him with the gospel to share. We too are debtors: we owe the world the message of Christ. Sharing the gospel is not optional; it's a holy obligation.

Reflection Question:

Do I see the gospel as a debt I must pay forward, or as something optional?

Prayer:

Lord, give me boldness and compassion to share the gospel, knowing I owe it to others as a messenger of Your grace.

Day 7 – Not Ashamed

Scripture: *Romans 1:16–17* – “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation...”

Devotional Thought:

Paul boldly declared he was unashamed of the gospel. The world mocked a crucified Savior, yet Paul knew the cross was God’s power to save. We too must choose: will we be silent in a culture that rejects Christ, or will we stand unashamed, trusting in the power of the gospel?

Reflection Question:

Am I living boldly, unashamed of Christ and His gospel?

Prayer:

Jesus, give me courage to stand for You, knowing Your gospel is power and salvation for all who believe.

Day 8 – God’s Wrath Revealed

Scripture: *Romans 1:18–20* – “...so that they are without excuse.”

Devotional Thought:

God has revealed Himself in creation, His power, His divine nature. No one can claim ignorance. Yet humanity suppresses this truth. God’s wrath is not random anger but His holy response to sin. The sobering reality: we are accountable for what we know of Him.

Reflection Question:

Am I suppressing truth in my life, or am I responding rightly to God’s revelation?

Prayer:

Lord, help me to respond to Your truth with obedience, not suppression. Open my eyes to see You in creation and Your Word.

Day 9 – Knowing Yet Not Glorifying

Scripture: *Romans 1:21* – “...when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful...”

Devotional Thought:

The downward spiral begins with ingratitude. They knew God, but failed to glorify Him or thank Him. A thankless heart soon becomes a darkened heart. Gratitude guards us from idolatry and pride. When we stop giving God glory, we inevitably start glorifying something else.

Reflection Question:

Do I daily give God glory and thanks, or am I drifting into ingratitude?

Prayer:

Father, forgive my thanklessness. Teach me to glorify You in all things and cultivate a heart of gratitude.

Day 10 – Professing to Be Wise

Scripture: *Romans 1:22–23* – “Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools...”

Devotional Thought:

When people reject God, they don’t stop worshipping, they just exchange the glory of God for idols. Claiming wisdom, they become foolish, worshipping created things instead of the Creator. Modern idols may not be golden statues, but money, fame, pleasure, and self.

Reflection Question:

What “idols” subtly compete with God’s glory in my life?

Prayer:

Lord, keep me from exchanging Your glory for lesser things. Be the supreme object of my worship.

Day 11 – Given Over to Sin

Scripture: *Romans 1:24–25* – “...God also gave them up to uncleanness...”

Devotional Thought:

The most terrifying judgment is when God lets people have their way. He “gave them up” to their sinful desires. Sin promises freedom but enslaves. Only the truth of God sets us free.

Reflection Question:

Are there areas where I've resisted God so much that I risk Him letting me have my way?

Prayer:

Merciful God, keep me from the path of hardness. Draw me back when I wander. Don't let me settle for lies over Your truth.

Day 12 – Against Nature

Scripture: *Romans 1:26–27* – “...leaving the natural use...”

Devotional Thought:

Paul points to sexual sin as evidence of rejecting God’s design. To depart from God’s created order is to embrace confusion and brokenness. Yet even here, grace abounds: Christ washes, sanctifies, and justifies all who repent and believe (1 Cor. 6:9–11).

Reflection Question:

Do I trust God’s design for life and sexuality, or do I try to redefine it?

Prayer:

Lord, help me honor Your design. Give me grace to walk in holiness and compassion to point others to Your mercy.

Day 13 – A Debased Mind

Scripture: *Romans 1:28* – “...God gave them over to a reprobate mind...”

Devotional Thought:

Rejecting God leads to a corrupted mind. Without God's truth, thinking becomes twisted, unable to discern right from wrong. This is the danger of persisting in sin, it darkens the mind and hardens the heart.

Reflection Question:

Am I allowing God's Word to shape my mind, or am I drifting toward worldly thinking?

Prayer:

Lord, renew my mind daily. Don't let me grow hardened to sin, but transform me by Your truth.

Day 14 – A Catalog of Sin

Scripture: *Romans 1:29–31* – “Being filled with all unrighteousness...”

Devotional Thought:

Paul lists sins that cover every sphere of life, sexual, social, personal, spiritual. From gossip to murder, pride to disobedience, sin infects all. None of us can read this list and think ourselves innocent. It reminds us of our desperate need for grace.

Reflection Question:

Do I recognize my own sin in this list, or do I excuse myself while pointing at others?

Prayer:

Father, search me and show me where sin lingers. Thank You that in Christ, there is forgiveness and freedom.

Day 15 – Approving Evil

Scripture: *Romans 1:32* – “...not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”

Devotional Thought:

The final stage of rebellion is not just doing evil but celebrating it. Sin becomes normalized, even applauded. Our culture reflects this reality today. Yet as believers, we are called to shine as lights in a dark world, holding fast to truth and living with holiness.

Reflection Question:

Am I standing firm in truth, or am I tempted to approve of what God calls sin?

Prayer:

God, give me courage to stand for truth in a world that celebrates sin. Let my life reflect the hope of the gospel in dark times.