



### **STUDY 1 Romans 1:1-17 The Gospel**

*If someone asked you to explain “what is a Christian?” how would you answer?*

*How would you define “the gospel”?*

#### **CONTEXT – Where does it fit?**

1. Watch The Bible Project – Romans introduction  
<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/romans/>
2. Read Romans 1:7-13. What does this tell us about the context of the letter?

#### **OBSERVATION – How is it communicated?**

3. Have another helicopter look Romans 1:1-17. Is there any structure to the passage? Try to separate it into chunks and give each section a title.
4. List everything we're told about the gospel.

#### **MEANING – What does it mean?**

5. In verses 1-7 Paul outlines the gospel. How would you define the gospel based on this?
6. In verses 8-15 Paul outlines his ongoing commitment to the Roman Christians. Does anything stand out to you? How would you summarize his commitment to them?
7. Why isn't Paul ashamed of the gospel in vv 16-17? How would you explain what the gospel does from these verses? What questions are left unanswered at this point?

#### **APPLICATION – How does it change us?**

8. What are some ways we're tempted to be ashamed of the gospel?
9. What you say to someone you says:
  - “I'm right with God because I'm a good person”
  - “You don't need Jesus to get to God. You can just go straight to him on your own”
10. What are some ways we can practically make the gospel more central in our lives each day?