

CHOSEN INSTRUMENTS

ROMANS 1:1-7

How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)

BACKGROUND: To start his letter, Paul establishes the authority that he has been given by Jesus to send it and the authority of the Roman church (and us!) to receive it.

PAUL, AN APOSTLE—Jesus used a brilliant light to strike down his brilliant enemy, Paul (Saul) for salvation. As His called apostle, Paul was sent by Jesus to all (including you and me) with Jesus' gospel of eternal life. (**Romans 1:1 fn 1:1{1st}**, **Acts 9:1-18, fn 9:3-5, I Corinthians 1:1, fn 1:1{2nd}**, **Colossians 1:25-28, John 13:20**) *How should you accept Paul and the book of Romans?*

JESUS, THE SON OF GOD—Jesus' life was prophesied. As a man, He fulfilled every prophecy, and as the Son of God, He defeated death by His resurrection from the dead. As our Lord, He gives us grace and faith to share this good news with everyone. (**Romans 1:2-5, fn 1:2, fn 1:3, 4, fn 1:3-5, I Peter 1:20, fn 1:20, Psalms 22:17,18, fn 22:18, John 19:23, 28, 36, 37, fn 19:23, 24, Philippians 3:10, fn 3:9, 10**) *How is Jesus God's chosen instrument in your life?*

YOU, A SAINT—"Saints" is God's designation of all believers, holy and set apart by the Holy Spirit. "Saints are those declared righteous by God." Dictionary/Concordance of Life Application Study Bible. If you are a believer, you belong to Jesus, you are loved by God, and you are a saint! (**Romans 1:6,7, fn 1:6, 7, Romans 8:26, 27, fn 8:26, 27, Romans 8:35-39, Ephesians 3:14-19, fn 3:19**) *As God's chosen instrument, in what direction do you think God is leading you?*

Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.