

I. WELCOME TO ROME

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised before hand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord. Through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

II. THE MESSAGE THAT ROME NEEDS TO HEAR

Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it, the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

III. THE TWO GREAT EXCHANGES

1. The DARK Exchange

- a. Step 1: Pride*
- b. Step 2: Futility*
- c. Step 3: Idolatry*
- d. Step 4: Wrath of God*
- e. Step 5: immorality*
- f. Step 6: Repercussions*

Daniel 4:30

And the King answered and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?"

Daniel 4:33

Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and ate grass like an ox. and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till hair grew as long as eagle's feathers, and his nails were like bird's claws.

Daniel 4:34

At the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar lifted my eyes to heaven and my reason returned to me, and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored Him who lives forever.

2. The **GREAT** (Gospel) Exchange

a. Step 1: Humility

b. Step 2: Awakening

c. Step 3: Faith

d. Step 4: Grace of God

e. Step 5: We see our lives as SACRED and USEFUL for God

f. Step 6: We ARRIVE in the Kingdom of God

IV. THE GOSPEL IS THE ROAD OUT OF ROME, LEADING TO LIFE ETERNAL