

Sermon Series: Romans

Sermon Text: Romans 1:6-7 Who Do You Think You Are? Or, Do You Know Who You're Talking To?

You render the obedience of faith because you have received grace and peace.

1) You have received the grace of effectual calling (1:6).

- a) "called of Jesus Christ"
- b) ESV "called to belong to Jesus Christ" is preferred by translators who believe that Paul's theology demands that "calling" be the work of God the Father; no conflict in understanding subject of calling to be Jesus Christ
- c) Effectual Calling is a creative act (4:17; 9:24-26).
- d) Effectual Calling is a sovereign act (9:11).
- e) Effectual Calling is an irrevocable act (11:29).
- f) Effectual Calling is predestined according to God's purpose (8:28, 30).
- g) **Application:** You and your brothers in Christ are New Creations of God's Creating Word. Marvel at the grace of God at work in you all.

2) You have received the grace of unconditional election (1:7a).

- a) "Beloved by God"
- b) Providential love is for all creatures. Electing love is for God's people. (9:13)
- c) Electing love is experienced by personal presence of the Holy Spirit (5:5).
- d) Electing love is demonstrated by the cross of Christ (5:8).
- e) Electing love is unconquerable (8:35, 37, 39).
- f) **Application:** Electing love is transformative (15:30; cf. 12:9, 10; 13:8-10; 14:15)

3) You have received the grace of positional sanctification (1:7b).

- a) "called saints"
- b) Progressive sanctification is our maturing in godliness. Positional sanctification is our fixed status as the people of God.
- c) Positional sanctification is experienced in Christ by the Spirit (8:9-11; 11:16).
- d) Positional sanctification is secured in Christ by the Spirit (8:26-27).
- e) Positional sanctification is enjoyed in fellowship with the saints (12:13; 15:25, 26, 31; 16:2, 15)
- f) **Application:** Positional sanctification is worked out in personal holiness (12:1; 14:17; 15:16; 16:16).

You continue to render the obedience of faith because you continue to receive grace and peace (1:7c).

Doxology: Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. (Jude 24-25)