

## Romans 1: 1-17

Aspect	Why (Reasons for Action)	Scripture References
Paul's Greeting	- Establish Authority: To establish Paul's authority as an apostle and representative of Christ, providing credibility to his teachings.	- 2 Corinthians 10:8: "For even if I boast a little too much of our authority, which the Lord gave for building you up and not for destroying you, I will not be ashamed."
	- Build Rapport: To build rapport and connection with the Roman believers, fostering a sense of unity and partnership in the gospel.	- Romans 15:5-6: "May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."
	- Encourage Faith: To encourage the Roman believers in their faith and to inspire them to continue in their commitment to Christ.	- 1 Thessalonians 3:2: "And we sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith."
Desire to Visit Rome	- Strengthen Faith: To strengthen the faith of the Roman believers by providing personal ministry and support, fostering spiritual growth and maturity.	- Romans 1:11-12: "For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."
	- Mutual Encouragement: To foster mutual encouragement and edification among believers, promoting unity and partnership in advancing the gospel.	- 1 Thessalonians 5:11: "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing."
	- Advance the Gospel: To advance the gospel message in Rome and beyond, leveraging Paul's apostolic ministry and spiritual gifts for the spread of the gospel.	- Romans 15:20: "and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation,"
The Righteousness of God Revealed	- Proclaim Truth: To proclaim the truth of God's righteousness revealed through the gospel, leading others to salvation and transformation.	- 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 for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'"
	- Inspire Faith: To inspire faith in Christ as the means of salvation, offering hope and assurance of righteousness for all who believe.	- Galatians 3:22: "But the Scripture imprisoned everything under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe."
	- Magnify God: To magnify God's righteousness and glory through the proclamation of the gospel, bringing honor and praise to His name.	- Psalm 71:15-16: "My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge. With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come; I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone."

These scriptures reinforce the reasons why we should engage in each aspect discussed in Romans 1:1-17, providing biblical support for our actions and motivations as Christians.