

Romans 1:3-6

Concerning Jesus Christ

1. 1:3 - Jesus Christ According to the Flesh

- a. This book is not about Paul - it is about Jesus Christ our Lord.
- b. *"concerning..."* - Whom he served, was called by, separated unto, promised afore.
 - i. (The mystery of Christ is built on a foundation promised in the holy scriptures.)
- c. *"Jesus Christ our Lord"* - name not found in MMLJ (nor in this verse in NIV, ESV)
 - i. *"Lord Jesus Christ"* used by Paul 83% of the time in the NT (68/82)
- d. *"was made of the seed of David"* - to fulfill the covenants of promise - Rom 15:8
 - i. This is necessary to qualify since he was not *made* the Son of God.
 - ii. It was God's Son who became David's son - Matt 22:41-46
- e. *"according to the flesh"* - God sent forth his Son, made of a woman - Gal 4:4, John 1:14
 - i. Jesus after the flesh is his earthly ministry - Rom 9:5, 1 Pet 3:18, 4:1, Heb 5:7
 - ii. Yet now henceforth know we him no more - 2 Cor 5:16

2. 1:4 - The Resurrection of Christ

- a. 1:4- *"declared to be..."* - He always was (and knew), this was the sign - Mt 12:40, Jn 2:19
 - i. He was His Son after the flesh (John 3:16) but declared in resurrection.
 - ii. Begotten ~def. Brought forth in relation or likeness. (Son to a Father Jn 1:14,18)
 - iii. He was already God's Son when he came to the manger - Jn 17:5, Heb 1:3-6, 5:5
 - iv. He did not stop or regain relation, but man never raised up - Ps 2:6-8, Acts 13:33
 - v. Peter declared him to be at Pentecost as well - Acts 2:22-25, 2:36
- b. *"acc. to the spirit of holiness"* - Rom 3:4, Ps 47:8, 89:34-35, Acts 3:12, Acts 13:33-37
 - i. Note: 1 Tim 3:16 'justified in the Spirit' is not about sin, but this. Lk 7:29
 - ii. The mystery of godliness now revealed in the death/resurrection - Phi 2:3-11
- c. *"by the resurrection from the dead"* - his power, now given to us → 2Ti 2:8, Eph 1:19
- d. These two verses speak to his death (v3) resurrection (v4) and humanity (v3) deity (v4)

3. 1:5 - Paul's Apostleship

- a. *"by whom we have received..."* from Jesus after resurrection - Gal 2:8-9, 1Co 15:10, 15
 - i. Both were received by Paul at his conversion - Acts 9:15, 26:16, Eph 3:7, 2Ti 1:9
 - ii. Apostleship ~def. Commission given to one sent from the Lord.
- b. *"obedience to the faith"* - not to a work, but a doctrine - Rom 6:17, 16:26, 15:15-19
 - i. The man of faith will obey when God says to work not - Rom 4:5, Titus 3:5
- c. *"among all nations"* - Which is now Paul's jurisdiction, not Peter's kingdom.
- d. *"for his name"* - Preaching the gospel for Christ not on others' foundation - Rom 15:20

4. 1:6 - You are Called

- a. *"are ye also the called"* - Jesus Christ calls them through Paul's gospel (v1)
- b. If they are Christ's: it is by faith, it is as saints, it is under Paul's apostleship. Rom 11:13