



# Rescued

God's Plan For Redemption Revealed In Romans

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# Introduction

## New Testament Letters

- Epistles
- Greeting, Body, Closing
- Body: Theological Teaching & Practical Living



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## City of Rome

- Population ~ 1 Million
- Seat of the Roman Government
- Masterpiece of Organization and Construction



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## Paul and Rome

- Paul did not found the church
- Paul is accepted as the author of the letter
- Likely addressing concerns and questions
- Written ~57 AD from Corinth



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## Church Dynamics

- Started Jewish, became more Gentile
- Jews expelled from Rome in 49 AD
- Jewish & Gentile tensions over salvation
- Paul planned to visit, then go to Spain



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**Theme: God stands as judge over all mankind,  
but provides the way for all to be saved  
through Christ.**



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## Theology of Romans:

- Anthropology
- Hamartiology
- Soteriology



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# 1. Paul Establishes Credibility in the Work of Christ

Paul, a **servant** of Christ Jesus, called to be an **apostle, set apart** for the gospel of God, which He promised beforehand 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 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.**

*Romans 1:1-7 ESV*



**Servant:** *doulos* – slave

**Called:** *kletos* – one whose participation or presence has been officially requested, especially a request to which refusal is not an option.

**Apostle:** *apostolos* – Envoy commissioned directly by Christ, taught by Him and given authority to speak on His behalf.





**Prophetic promise – v2**

**Descendant of David in the flesh – v3**

**Declared the Son of God according to the Holy Spirit – v4**

**Resurrected from the dead – v4**

**To bring people from all nations to faith – v5**



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**To Those in Rome:** Not to church in Rome; taken to possibly mean many churches.

**Saints:** *hagios* – holy one, devoted to God, set apart.

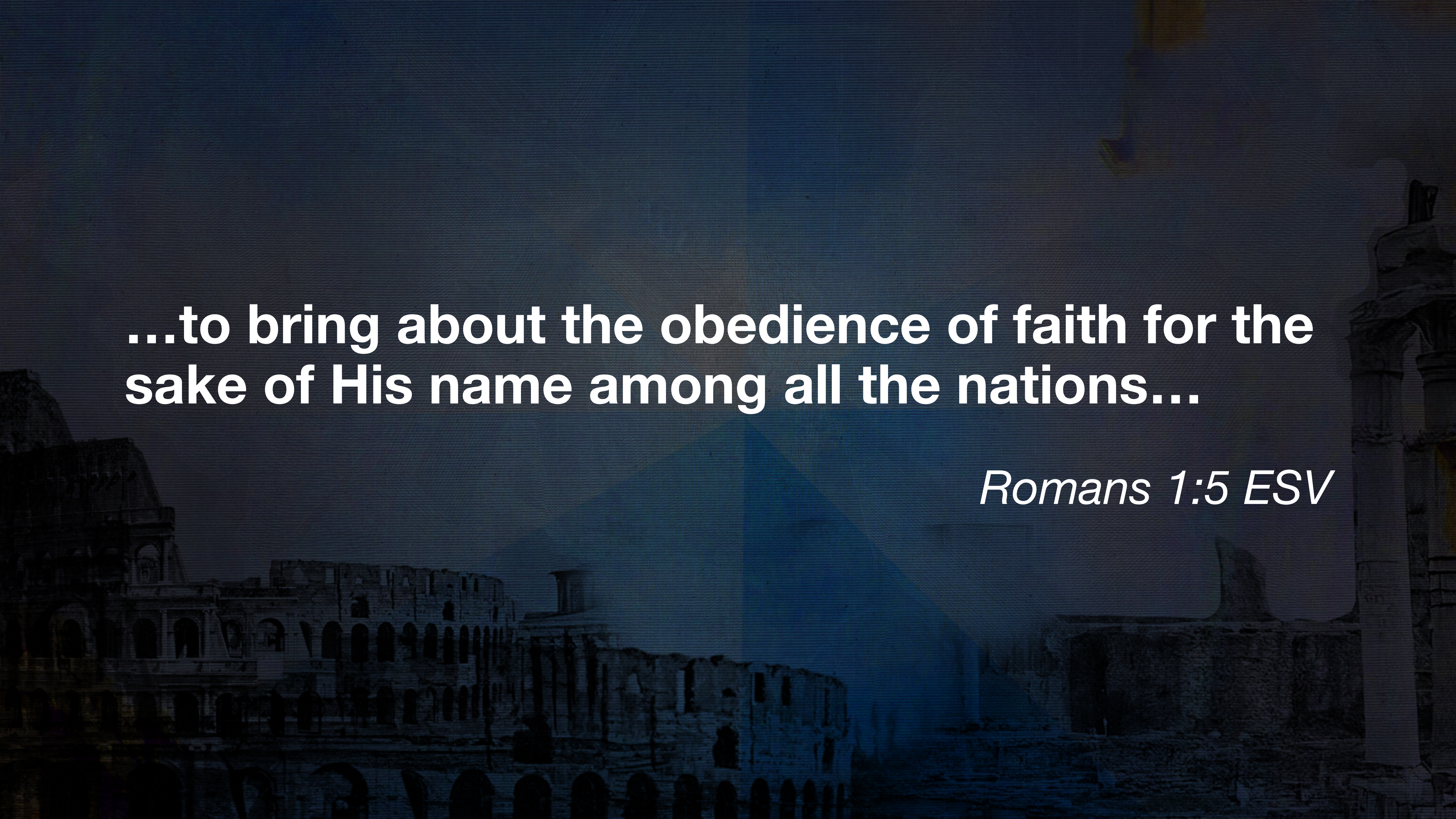




Grace to you and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Romans 1:7 ESV*





**...to bring about the obedience of faith for the  
sake of His name among all the nations...**

*Romans 1:5 ESV*



## 2. Paul's Heart for the Believers in Rome

First, I **thank my God** through Jesus Christ for all of you, because **your faith** is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in **coming to you**. 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. I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

*Romans 1:8-15 ESV*



### 3. The Core Message of Romans

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.”**

*Romans 1:16-17 ESV*





**“righteousness of God”**

**The act of putting people in the right, which is performed by God.**



**“from faith for faith”**

**Beginning and ending with faith**

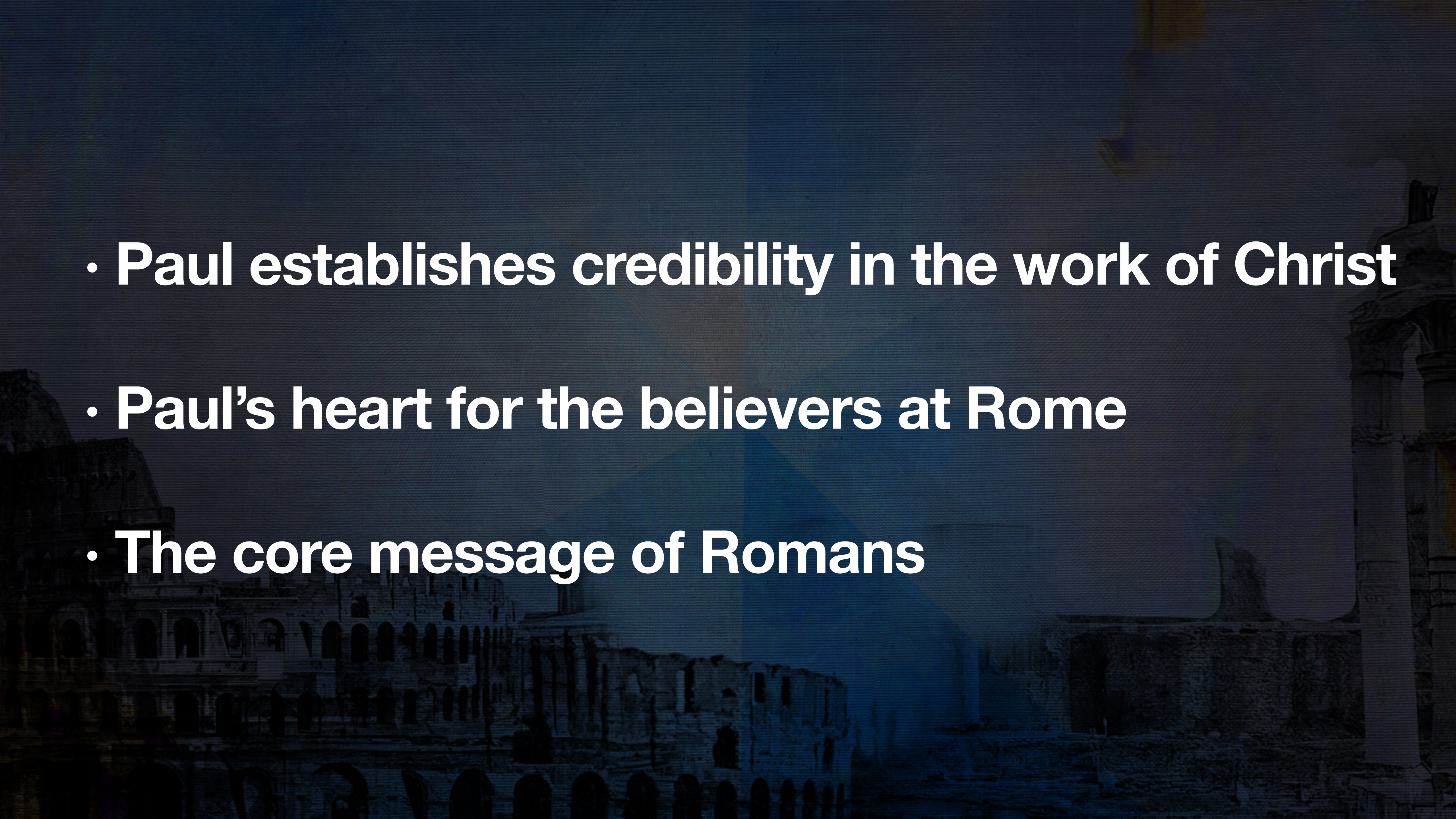
**...a righteousness that is by faith from first to last...**

*Romans 1:17 NIV*

**The Good News shows how God makes people right with himself—that it begins and ends with faith.**

*Romans 1:17 NCV*



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- **Paul establishes credibility in the work of Christ**
  - **Paul's heart for the believers at Rome**
  - **The core message of Romans**



# 1. You Are Called

**Called:** *kletos* – one whose participation or presence has been officially requested, especially a request to which refusal is not an option.



Do you not know that **you are God's temple**  
and that **God's Spirit dwells in you?**

*1 Corinthians 3:16 ESV*

Or do you not know that your body is a temple  
of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have  
from God? **You are not your own**, for you were  
**bought with a price**. So glorify God in your body.

*1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ESV*



## 2. Mutually Encourage One Another

...that we may be **mutually encouraged by each other's faith**, both yours and mine.

*Romans 1:12 ESV*





Are they not all **ministering spirits** sent out to  
serve for the sake of those who are to inherit  
salvation?

*Hebrews 1:14 ESV*

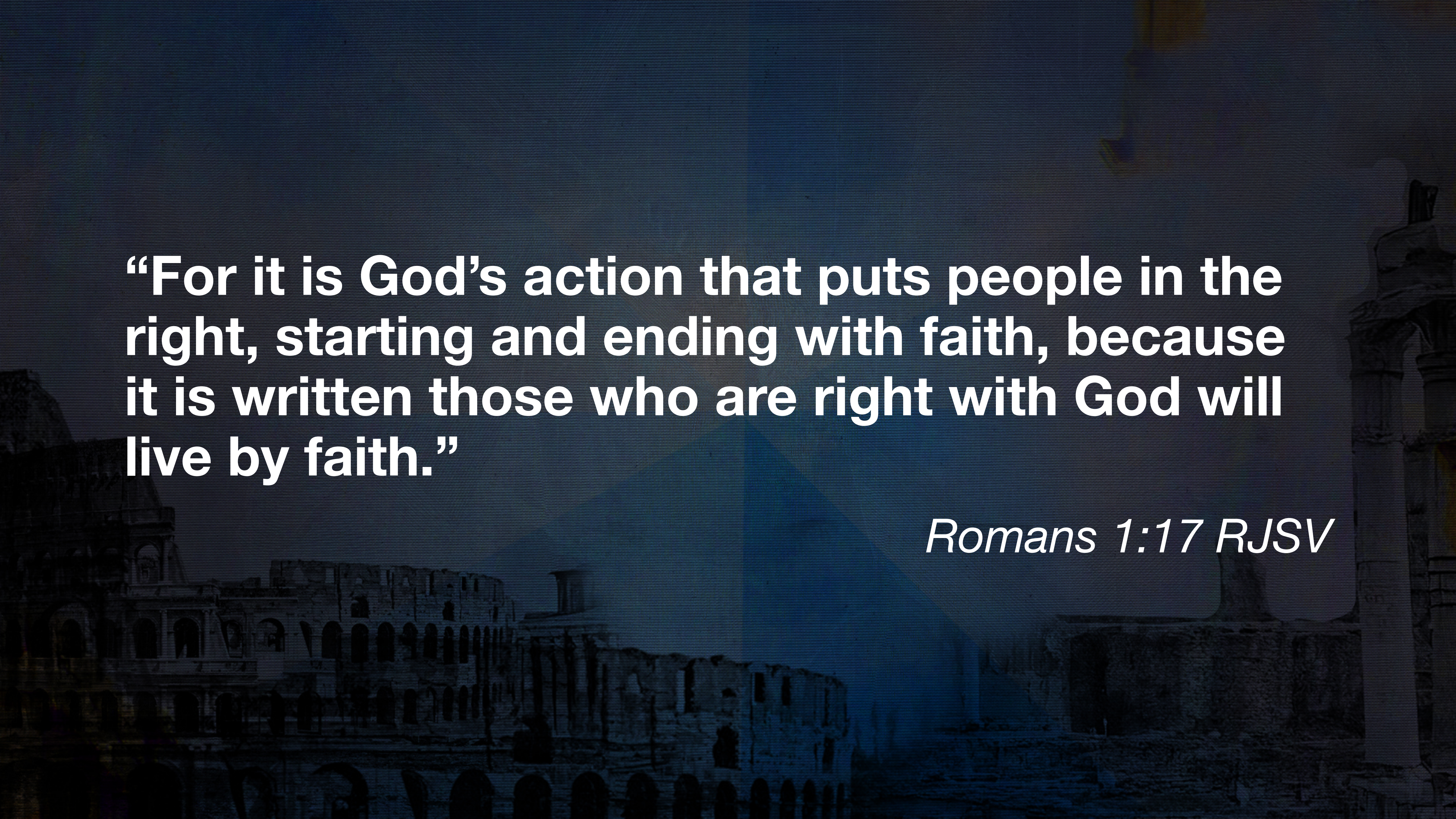


### 3. Live By Faith

For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “**The righteous shall live by faith.**”

*Romans 1:17 ESV*

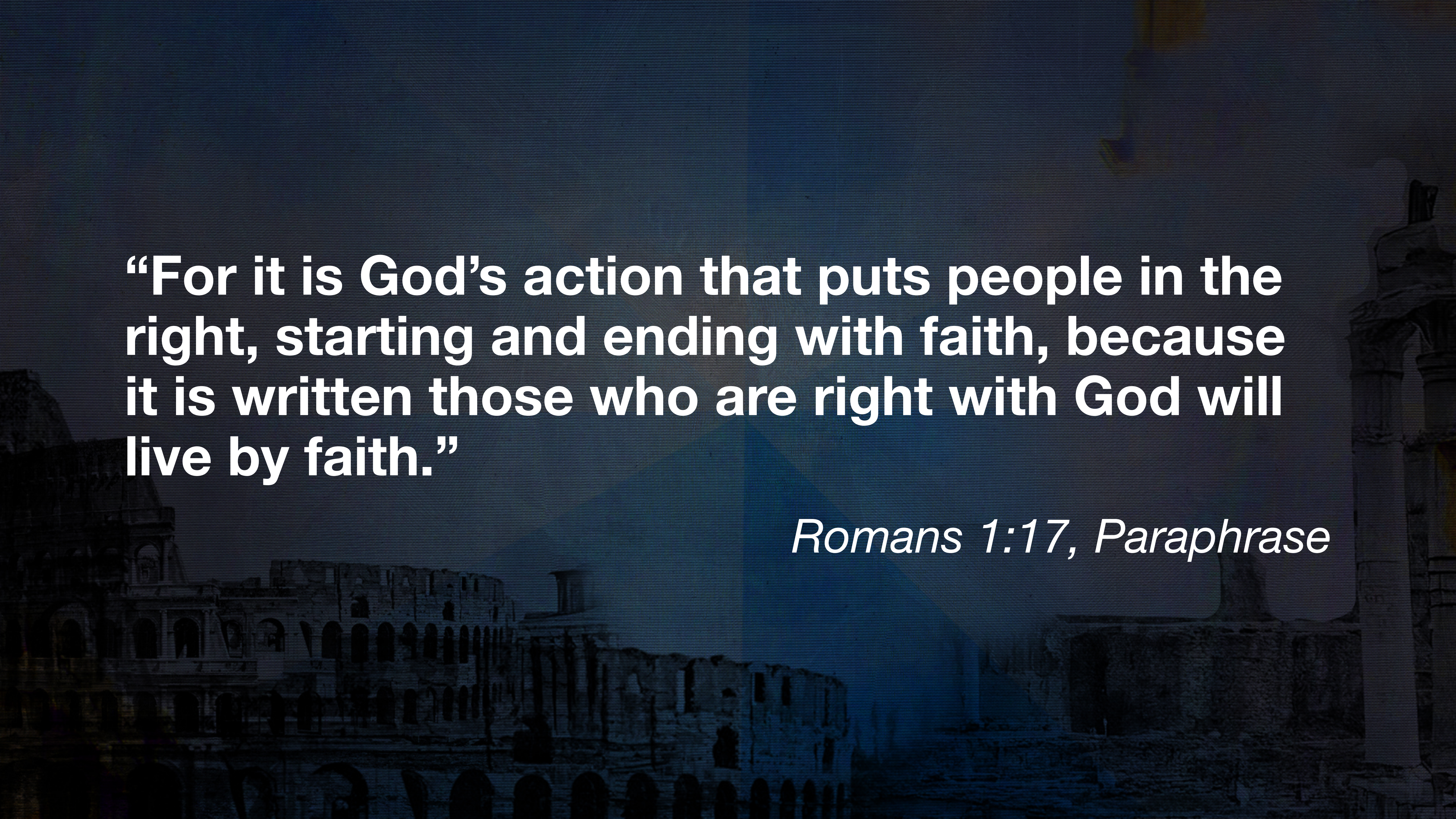




**“For it is God’s action that puts people in the right, starting and ending with faith, because it is written those who are right with God will live by faith.”**

*Romans 1:17 RJSV*

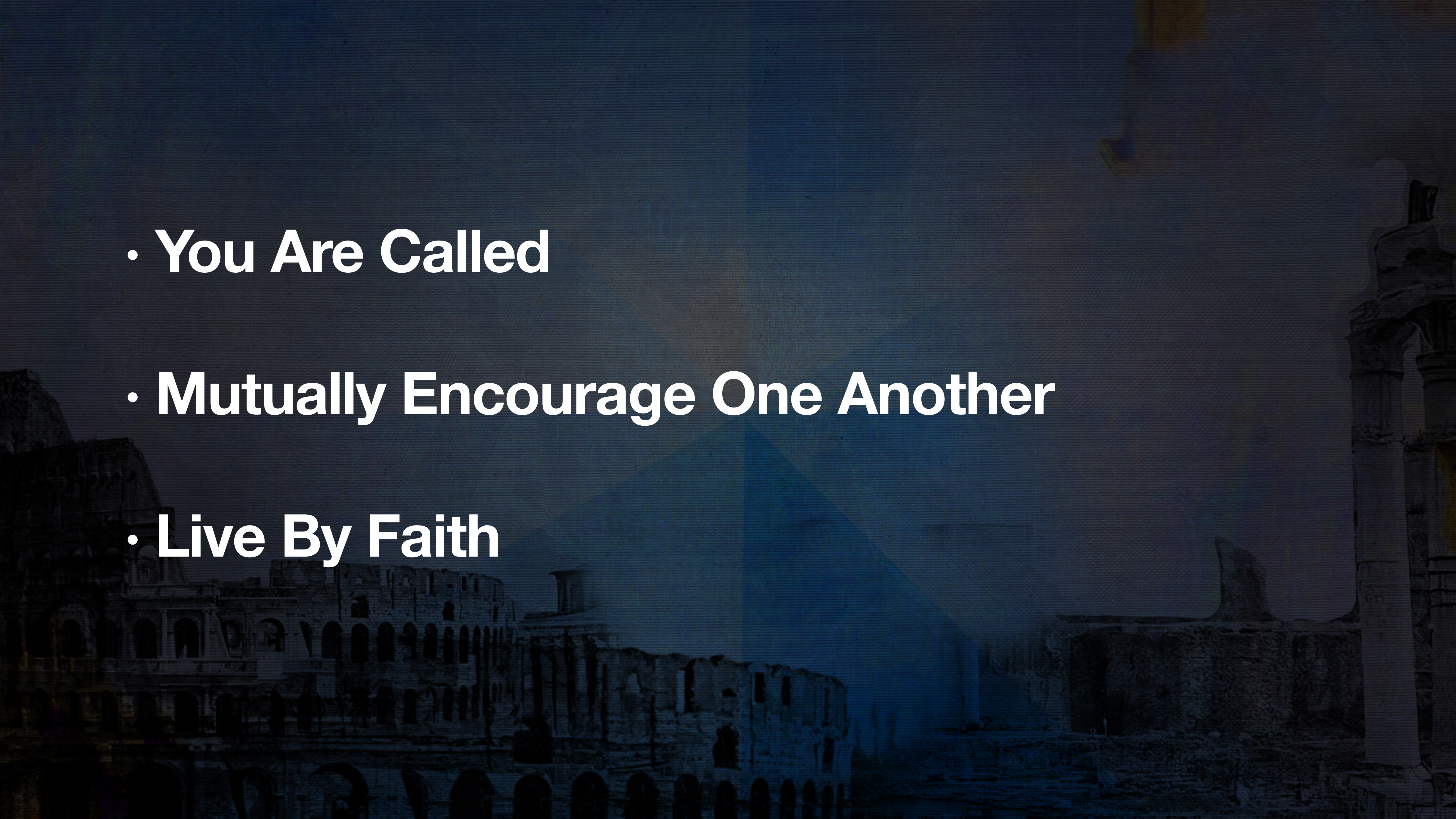




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*Romans 1:17, Paraphrase*



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