



May 7, 2023, The Gospel as Salvation

Romans 1:1-17

Use this resource at home to guide your household's daily devotions.



**Pray:** Light a candle and open your devotion time with a prayer.

God of wisdom, you have made your salvation known to us in Jesus Christ. Give us courage to proclaim your saving love in our words and actions, through your redeeming Son. Amen.



**Read:** Read the key verse from Sunday's reading.

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*  
(Romans 1:16)



**Reflect:** Reflect on the scripture summary.

While Paul was away, he prayed for his companions in Rome every day. Still, Paul longed to be present with them to share in the gospel of salvation face-to-face.



**Connect:** Connect in conversation with others in your household.

- What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?
- What sins do you consider unforgivable? What sins can be easily overlooked? Does God make a distinction between the two?
- What shames or embarrasses you about your life in faith? What would make that shame or embarrassment lessened?
- For the littles: Who in the world is most like you? Who is least like you? Jesus loves them both the same—and you, too!



**Bless:** Close your devotion with a blessing.

May God remove your shame. Amen.



**Do:** By acting on what we learn, we make God's word come alive. Do the following activity this week.

Research your city's laws and ordinances. Are there any that surprise you? Is it possible to abide by every single ordinance at all times (consider your speed when you drive)? What does it say about you that you are not perfect? What does it say about God?



**Go Deeper:** Go to [clergystuff.com/daily-devotions](http://clergystuff.com/daily-devotions) for devotions on the daily readings.

Monday, Matthew 9:10-13, *Call of Matthew*

Tuesday, Romans 2:17—3:8, *The Jews and the Law*

Wednesday, Romans 3:9-20, *None Is Righteous*

Thursday, Romans 3:21-31, *Righteousness through Faith*

Friday, Romans 4:1-12, *The Example of Abraham*

Saturday, Romans 4:13-25, *God's Promise Realized through Faith*