

# **WHO ARE THESE IN OUR CHURCH?**

**Romans 1:1-11**

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“The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians: who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, walk out the door, and deny Him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.”

# THE WISDOM TO RESPOND

- The correct response is found in asking the question – WHY?
  - Secondary questions are “What?” and “Why?”
- The answer to that question must come from a RELIABLE source/truth.
  - What is this REALITY?
  - What are God’s design and purpose for it?
- Do your Faith rest in God or in Man?
  - If it rests in God, then what has He said?

# ROMANS 1

Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called *as* an apostle, *set apart for the gospel of God,* <sup>2</sup> which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> *concerning His Son,* who was *born* of a descendant of David according to the flesh, <sup>4</sup> who was *declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead,* according to the Spirit *of holiness,* Jesus Christ our Lord,

# ACTS 1

<sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

## ROMANS 1b

<sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake, <sup>6</sup> among whom you also are **the called** of Jesus Christ;

<sup>7</sup> to all who are **beloved of God** in Rome, **called as saints**: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

# OSWALD CHAMBERS

“If **sympathy** is all that human beings need, then the Cross of Christ is an absurdity and there is absolutely no need for it. What the world needs is not "a little bit of love," but major surgery. **If you think** you are helping lost people with your sympathy and understanding, you are **a traitor to Jesus Christ**. You must have a right-standing relationship with Him yourself, and pour your life out in helping others in His way— not in a human way **that ignores God.**”

## ROMANS 1c

<sup>8</sup> First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because **your faith is being proclaimed** throughout the whole world. <sup>9</sup> For God, whom I serve in my spirit in **the *preaching of the* gospel of His Son**, is my witness ***as to* how unceasingly I make mention of you**, <sup>10</sup> always in my prayers making request, if perhaps now at last by the will of God I may succeed in coming to you.

# HEBREWS 11

<sup>5b</sup> for *Enoch* obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. <sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and *that* He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

# HEBREWS 11b

<sup>7</sup> By faith Noah, being warned *by God* about things not yet seen, in reverence prepared an ark for the salvation of his household, by which **he condemned the world**, and became **an heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.**

<sup>8</sup> By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed by going out to **a place which he was to receive for an inheritance**; and he went out, not knowing where he was going.

## ROMANS 1d

<sup>11</sup> For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you, that you may be established; <sup>12</sup> that is, that I may be encouraged together with you *while* among you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

# EPHESIANS 1

<sup>15</sup> For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which exists among you and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of you in my prayers;

## EPHESIANS 1b

<sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him. <sup>18</sup> *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.



