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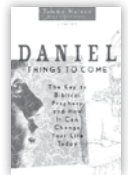
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## About Song of Solomon

Hudson Productions exists to create tools and resources to encourage and teach Biblical truths to individuals and churches. Our four goals are to:

1. Edify the Body of Christ.
2. Equip churches with quality resources to help affect life change in their ministries.
3. Equip Christians with personal Bible study tools that will help them engage with Scripture.
4. Develop resources to help churches, ministries and individual Christians reach those who are searching for Truth.

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# Volume One

## BEFORE YOU GO ANY FURTHER...READ THIS!

If you are a small group leader, thanks for taking the opportunity to shepherd others along the way. And if you are using this series for personal study, get ready for a life-changing experience you will want to share with others! Here are a few tips as you get started with the series:

- This study was designed with small groups in mind. So put a small group together and get started.
- The series is also perfect for individuals or couples who are looking for ways to deepen their devotions or find practical ways to apply the timeless truths of Scripture.
- Volume One is designed to be used as either a 12-week or a 6-week study. Each DVD session is 30 minutes long. The sessions are designed to be used as follows: watch each session and then discuss the questions in the study guide.
- Depending on the length of your meeting time, you can watch two sessions per meeting to make Volume One a 6-week series.
- Volume One covers Romans 1-8.

## A WORD TO SMALL GROUP LEADERS

There is no separate leader's guide. Leaders are facilitators of the material: Answers to Text Questions are in the back of study guide.

Before each session we encourage leaders to:

- Pray – ask the Lord for guidance on how to lead the members in your group. Pray that He will show you ways to stimulate genuine, dynamic and open communication.
- Preview – it will be very beneficial for you to watch the session before you share it with your group. You will notice the key points from each session and you can better facilitate the discussion questions within your group.
- Prepare – a small group will only go as deep and be as transparent as the leader. If a leader or facilitator is not willing to get personal, then the group will float on the surface. Let God speak through your own struggles and weaknesses.

# About the Speaker



Since 1977, Tommy Nelson has been the pastor of Denton Bible Church, in Denton, Texas. He has been featured on Focus On The Family, FamilyLife Today, Josh McDowell, For Faith and Family and other national broadcasts. Tommy graduated from the University of North Texas with a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He then attended Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas, where he received the Master of Arts in Biblical Studies degree. In addition to the Song of Solomon materials, he is the author of these books: *The Book of Romance*, *The Story of God*, *A Life Well Lived* and *Better Love Now*. Tommy has been married to Teresa Nelson for 34 years and they have two grown sons, Ben and John Clark, along with three grandchildren.



# One

## PAUL'S ADDRESS TO THE ROMANS

Romans 1:1-17

In session one Paul begins his letter to move Jew and Gentile to faith in Jesus Christ. In this session he specifically addresses the Romans and tells them of his desire to be with them.

### CHAPTER 1

<sup>1</sup>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,

<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.

<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.

<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.

<sup>13</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that often I have planned to come to you (and have been prevented so far) so that I may obtain some fruit among you also, even as among the rest of the Gentiles.

<sup>14</sup>I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

<sup>15</sup>So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

<sup>16</sup>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.

<sup>17</sup>For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

## Text QUESTIONS

1. Who wrote Romans?

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2. What does gospel mean?

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3. Where did the gospel originate?

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4. In Verse 3 and 4 who does Paul say Christ is?

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_

5. What is Paul's ultimate reason for writing Romans?

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6. What is Paul's immediate reason for writing Romans, in Chapter one?

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7. Who was preventing Paul from getting to Rome?

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8. What are the two key verses in the book of Romans?

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9. In Habakkuk 2:4 who will live by his faith?

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## *Application* QUESTIONS

1. God was preventing Paul from going to Rome because He wanted him out spreading the gospel and planting churches. Getting together with Christians was secondary. Is spreading the gospel a priority to you? Why or why not?

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2. It says in Chapter one, Verse 15, “It is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes.” Are you trusting in God for your salvation, or are you trusting in yourself and your works for salvation?

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3. Do you think our culture embraces Verse 16? Why or why not?

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4. How can you become more like Paul? He was a man who understood:

- a. Man's Nature? \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Condemnation? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Hell? \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Salvation? \_\_\_\_\_



### MEMORY VERSE

*Romans 1:16-17*

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

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# THE MOST IMPORTANT WORDS EVER WRITTEN

The most important idea in the Bible is how a Holy God can get a sinful man into Heaven and not compromise who He is. Romans tell us just that! It sits as Master of the House before all of Paul's writings. It is the Bible in miniature. It is the most important singular document ever penned by man and only inspiration could make it so.

In our study in Romans we will look at Paul's unfolding logic and incisive reasoning as to the divinity and holiness of the Christian gospel. When this book has been understood, reformation and new life follow shortly.

## STUDY GUIDE CONTAINS:

- All Biblical Text For Each Session Like A 'Wide Margin Bible' For Note Taking
- Text Questions
- Application Questions
- Key Memory Verse
- Covers Romans Chapters 1-8



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- Ecclesiastes (A Life Well Lived)
- Daniel
- Romans, Volume II

