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I. Introduction

- The simple structure: *Inclusio*
- The cost of discipleship: Dietrich Bonhoeffer
- The Christian story: *THE GOSPEL*
- The importance of Romans: Paul's theological emphasis

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II. Paul: a self-introduction (1.1-2)

- Slave of Christ Jesus
- Apostle of Christ Jesus by calling
- Separated unto the gospel of God

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III. Gospel: a brief description (1.3-4)

- According to the Scriptures, good news about the Son of God
- According to the flesh, the seed of David
- According to the Spirit of holiness, appointed the Son of God with power

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IV. Apostolic ministry (1.5)

- Apostolic grace
- Gentile obedience

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V. Greetings: a gospel salutation (1.6-7)

- A description of the Roman believers
- The greetings proper