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Unique Words — words that are verse-unique. That is, words that appear in only one verse are in **bold**.

Old Testament Passages — quotations from an Old Testament source that are typically footnoted in the text. Examples include “The righteous will live by faith” (from Hab. 2:4) and “I have made you a father of many nations.” (from Gen. 17:5).

Romans

1 **Paul**, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— ²the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³regarding his Son, who as to his earthly life^a was a descendant of David, ⁴and who through the Spirit of holiness was appointed the Son of God in power^b by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵Through him we received grace and **apostleship** to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from^c faith for his **name's** sake. ⁶And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

⁷To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be his holy people:

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

Paul's Longing to Visit Rome

⁸First, I **thank** my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being **reported** all over the world. ⁹God, whom I serve in my spirit in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how **constantly** I remember you ¹⁰in my **prayers** at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be **opened** for me to come to you.

¹¹I long to see you so that I may **impart** to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— ¹²that is, that you and I may be **mutually encouraged** by each **other's** faith. ¹³I do not want

^{a3} Or who according to the flesh ^{b4} Or was declared with power to be the Son of God
^{c5} Or that is

you to be **unaware**, brothers and sisters,^d that I **planned** many times to come to you (but have been **prevented** from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

¹⁴I am **obligated** both to **Greeks** and **non-greeks**, both to the wise and the foolish. ¹⁵That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are in Rome.

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,^e just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”^f

God’s Wrath Against Sinful Humanity

¹⁸The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who **suppress** the truth by their wickedness, ¹⁹since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. ²⁰For since the creation of the world God’s **invisible qualities**—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being **understood** from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

²¹For although they **knew** God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their **thinking** became **futile** and their foolish hearts were darkened. ²²Although they claimed to be wise, they became **fools** ²³and exchanged the glory of the **immortal** God for **images** made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

²⁴Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the **degrading** of their bodies with one another. ²⁵They exchanged the truth about God for

^d13 The Greek word for brothers and sisters (*adelphoi*) refers here to believers, both men and women, as part of God’s family; also in 7:1, 4; 8:12, 29; 10:1; 11:25; 12:1; 15:14, 30; 16:14, 17. ^e17 Or is from faith to faith ^f17 Hab. 2:4

a **lie**, and **worshipped** and **served** created things rather than the **Creator**—who is forever praised. Amen.

²⁶Because of this, God gave them over to shameful **lusts**. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for **unnatural** ones. ²⁷In the same way the men also **abandoned** natural relations with women and were **inflamed** with **lust** for one another. Men committed shameful **acts** with other men, and received in themselves the **due penalty** for their error.

²⁸**Furthermore**, just as they did not think it **worthwhile** to **retain** the knowledge of God, so God gave them over to a **depraved** mind, so that they do what ought not to be done. ²⁹They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, **greed** and **depravity**. They are full of envy, murder, **strife**, deceit and **malice**. They are **gossips**, ³⁰**slanderers**, **God-haters**, **insolent**, arrogant and **boastful**; they **invent** ways of doing evil; they **disobey** their **parents**; ³¹they have no understanding, no fidelity, no love, no mercy. ³²Although they know God's righteous **decree** that those who do such things **deserve** death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them.

God's Righteous Judgment

2 You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge another, you are **condemning** yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same things. ²Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. ³So when you, a **mere** human being, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will **escape** God's judgment? ⁴Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, forbearance and patience, not **realizing** that God's kindness is intended to lead you to **repentance**?