

# WHAT IS YOUR MISSION?

## WHEN IN ROME

**Romans 1:2-6**

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For His Name.

Romans 1:1-6

*Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be 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 descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,*

### Truths

- God is not random, and neither is the mission of your life – *1:2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures,*

Psalms 22:16-18

*For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet— <sup>17</sup> I can count all my bones— they stare and gloat over me; <sup>18</sup> they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.*

Isaiah 50:6

*I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.*

Isaiah 53:9a

*And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death,*

Micah 5:2

*But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose coming forth is from of old, from ancient days.*

Luke 24:25-27

*And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" <sup>27</sup> And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*

Q: How do I understand the relationship between the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament) and the New Testament?

A: "The new (Testament) is in the old (Testament) concealed; the old is in the new revealed." – Augustine

- God has more than demonstrated His love for the world – 1:3-4 *concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,*
  - David was Israel's greatest King but Jesus is Greater than David.
- God invites us to join His mission – 1:5-6 *through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, <sup>6</sup> including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,*
  - Grace is both a gift and a responsibility.