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GOD'S POWERFUL CALLING



Introduction:

Since the Bible is a living thing, it is eternally relevant and can be allowed to speak for itself.

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Text: Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God – the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son,



**who as to his earthly life was a
descendant of David, and who
through the Spirit of holiness was
appointed the Son of God in power
by his resurrection from the dead:
Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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Through him we received grace and apostleship to call all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith for his name's sake.

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And you also are among those Gentiles who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

**To 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.**

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Paul identifies himself as a **SERVANT** of Christ Jesus, which means:

He acknowledged the **AUTHORITY** of Jesus.

He acknowledged his own obligation of **OBEDIENCE** to Jesus.

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Paul's condition of
SERVANTHOOD and obligation of
OBEDIENCE arose from the fact of
his **CALLING**.

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Paul was **CALLED** to be an
APOSTLE.

The word **CALLED** here does not only
mean the external **INVITATION**, but
the internal sense of the necessity to **OBEDY**.

APOSTLE means an ambassador or
envoy who has been dispatched to faithfully
deliver a message.

Paul was **SET APART** by God for a specific purpose -- the **GOSPEL** of God.

He was a man of **DESTINY**. His life had been **SHAPED** by God!

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Paul's mission was the continuation of a very long process that involved **PROPHETS**, the **HOLY SCRIPTURES**, a **ROYAL** line of succession, the **INCARNATION**, Jesus' sacrificial **DEATH** on the cross, and the **RESURRECTION** from the dead which proved his **DIVINE** nature.

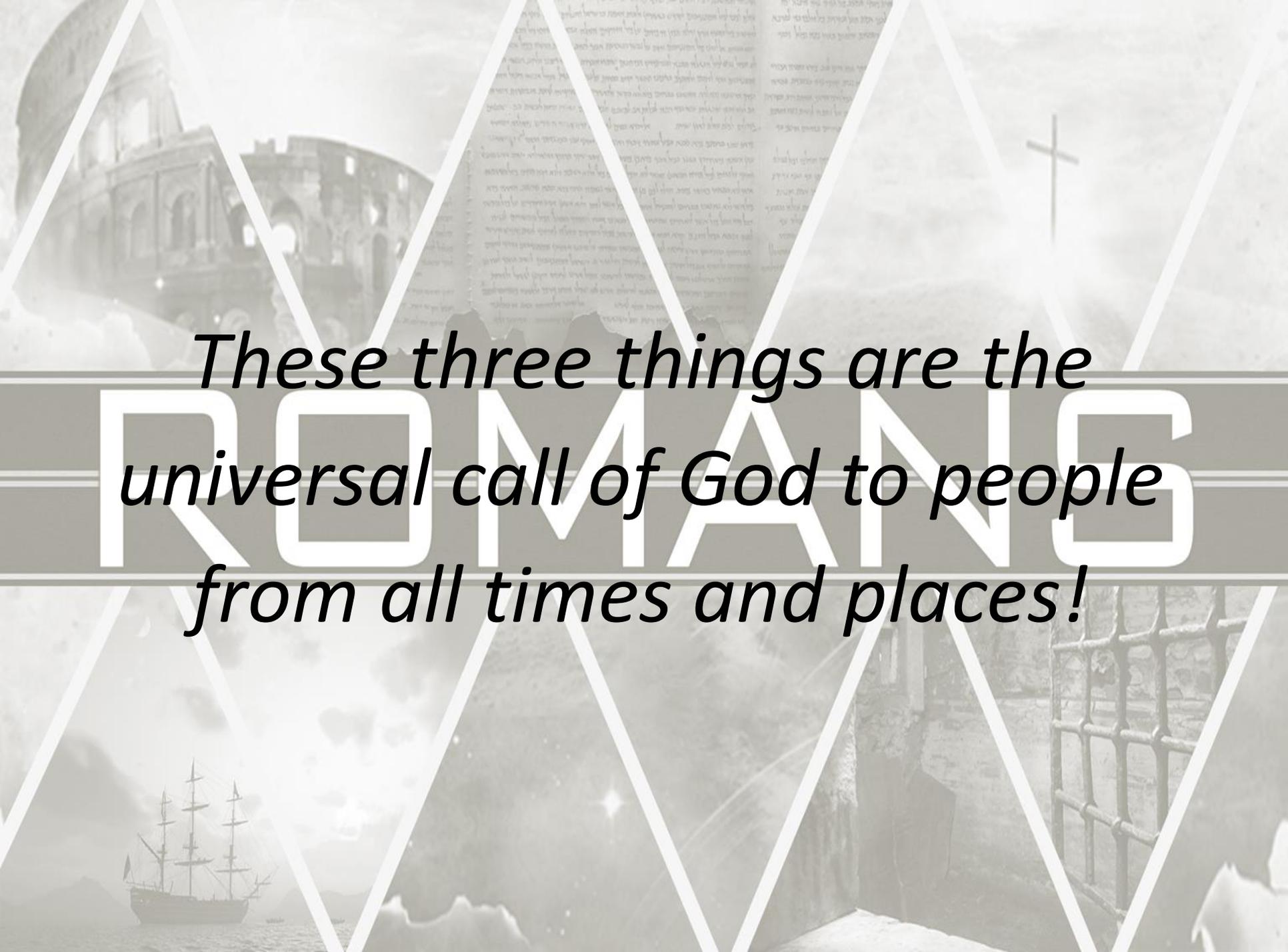
Paul received grace and apostleship so that he might call the Gentiles to:

OBEDIENCE.

BELONGING.

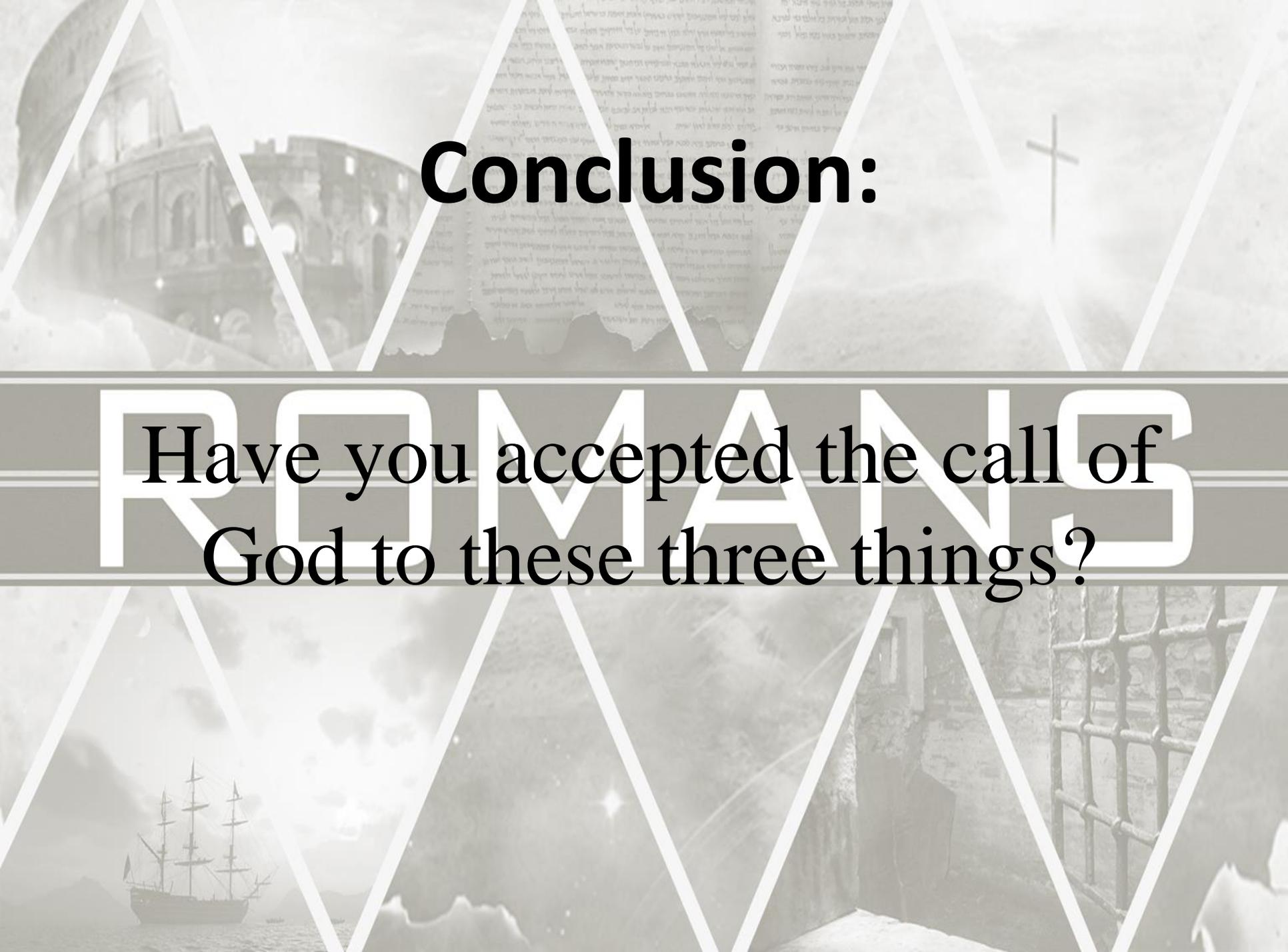
HOLINESS.

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*These three things are the
universal call of God to people
from all times and places!*

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Conclusion:

**Have you accepted the call of
God to these three things?**



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