

Session #2: “THE PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL” — Romans 1:1b-7

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Romans by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and William Newell.

Questions:

- How many “types” of apostles are mentioned in the Bible?
- Is righteousness in The Gospel in the Book of Romans, a declared position?
- Who calls “true apostles”?
- Do you think the Apostle Paul will be one of the 12 that is discussed in Revelation 21:14?
- How important was/is the resurrection of Jesus Christ? Can you explain how the Resurrection proves that Jesus Christ is the Son of God?
- Where are some of the places the Bible says that Jesus was fully human?

THE CHARACTER OF THE GOSPEL – VS. 1-7

1. The MAN who preaches it – 1 (We looked at this last time - bondservant)

*Rom 1:1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, **called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God***

1A. His **Attitude** - “*bondservant of Jesus Christ*” Greek: *doulos*

2A. His **Authority** (- “*called to be an apostle*” used about 70 times in NT (The Apostle; The Twelve; Holy apostles; apostles) - cf. Heb. 3:1; Matt. 10:1-5a; Eph. 3:4-8; Hebrew 2:1-4(confirmed by signs, wonders and miracles); Eph. 2:19-20; 4:11; - cf. 1 Cor. 9:1 - “*Am I not an apostle?*” - cf. John 20:21-23 An apostle is one who is sent! - Many were called apostles – Andronicus, Junia, Epaphroditus, Silvanus

1B. It is **God’s decision** - “*called*” cf. Acts 9:15-16; 22:14-15; 26:16-18

cf. Gal. 1:1 - “*Paul, an apostle, not of men, neither by man, but by Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead*”

2B. It is **God’s direction** - “*apostle*” - “*one who is sent*”

3A. His **Appointment** - “*separated unto the gospel of God*” - **It must all be about the Gospel!!!** (More than just building hospitals!) “*not ashamed of the Gospel*”!!! Separated - Greek: *aphorizo* – *a horizon was laid out for Paul*) used in Greek OT in Exodus 13:12; Lev. 20:26; - Num. 8:11-14 cf. Acts 13:1-4 cf. 1 Timothy 1:11-17 cf. Gal. 1:15-16 - He was separated **from the womb, from the world** (cf. Gal. 6:14), and **for the work**!

2. The MESSAGE it contains - 2-4

*Rom 1:2 which He **promised** before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures,*

“*which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures*” - cf. Luke 24:44; Acts 10:43

1A. As to its **Promise** – 2 - cf. II Tim. 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2 - (61 quotations in Romans from OT)

*Rom 1:3 **concerning His Son** Jesus Christ our Lord, who was **born of the seed**(sperm) **of David according to the flesh**,*

2A. As to the **Person of Jesus Christ** - 3-4

The **“gospel of God”** concerns **“His Son”** Words **“Jesus Christ our Lord”** - not in any Greek text in v. 3, but found at the end of - v. 4

1B. His **relationship to King David** - **“who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh”** - NIV - **“who as to his human nature was a descendant of David”**

1C. His **preexistence is implied** in the word **“born” or made** - Greek: - *ginomai*- **“to become”** - in **John 1:14** - (aorist tense - **“the One who became”** - **indicates a change of condition-incarnation!**)

2C. His **position as the Messiah of Israel** is proclaimed - **“out of seed (sperm)of David”** - cf. **Luke 1:31-33; Psa. 132:11** - cf. **Rev. 22:16**

3C. His **presence was fully human** - **“according to flesh”** - **Lk. 24:39** - cf. **Gal. 4:4**

Rom 1:4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

2B. His **resurrection from the dead** - 4 - **“declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead”** - **declared** - Greek: *horisthentos* - horizon or **“marked out, appointed, decreed”** - the **resurrection clearly revealed who He is - the Son of God!** - **“Spirit of holiness”** - cf. **Rom. 8:11**

HOW DID THE RESURRECTION PROVE HE IS THE SON OF GOD?

(1) He **rose by His own power** - **John 10:18;** and by The Spirit and by God the Father - **Rom. 8:11; Acts 13:14; Rom 10:9; 2 Cor. 13:14**

(2) It confirmed **all that He had claimed** - **Matt. 16:21b; 20:19** cf. **John 2:19-22** (When did the 12 get saved?)

(3) It **results in our own salvation and resurrection** - **“with power”** - cf. **Romans 4:24-25; 10:6-10**

3. The **MISSION (Commission) it requires** - 5-7

Rom 1:5 Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for (Amplified = to promote) obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,

Rom 1:6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;

Rom 1:7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1A. Its **Reception** - 5a - **“Through Him we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations”** cf. **Titus 2:11**

2A. Its **Reason** - 5b - **“for His name”** - Greek: *huper* - **“in the behalf of”**

3A. Its **Response** - 6-7

1B. Seen in their **position** - **“the called of Jesus Christ....called to be saints”**

2B. Seen in their **place** in the heart of God Himself - **“beloved of God”**

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“beloved of God”!! 1 Jn. 3:1-3