

THE GOOD NEWS

ROMANS 1:8-17

1/19/25

I. PAUL'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE GOSPEL

Romans 1:16-17 - "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, 'The righteous shall live by faith.'"

A. ...The power of God

1. It is all God's power to save people not our power

B. ...For salvation

1. God's power is demonstrated in salvation of sinners

1 Corinthians 6:9-11 - "Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

C. ...For everyone who believes

1. Belief THAT vs belief IN

D. ...Reveals God's righteousness

1. The righteousness belongs TO God, not man
2. Preaching the Gospel reveals more of God's righteousness

II. PAUL'S RELATIONSHIP TO THE GOSPEL

Romans 1:14-15 - "I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome."

A. "I am obligated"

1. Paul saw himself as in debt to these people
2. The weight of the Gospel was a debt to the entire world

B. "I am eager"

1. Paul was eager to preach the Gospel to the church
2. The Gospel is not just the entry point for Christianity...it's the power

COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one thing that stood out to you from the message this week? What challenged your thinking?
2. What are some things that we learn about evangelism in Paul's understanding and relationship to the Gospel?
3. How does knowing that God's power is on display in the Gospel encourage your preaching of it?
4. What are some things that discourage us from preaching the Gospel today? How does a passage like this speak to those issues?
5. As Christians, can we lose our eagerness to hear the Gospel message for our lives? Why or why not?
6. As a group...Go around and identify one person that you are burdened (or as Paul puts it...obligated) to preach the Gospel to. Why is that person on your heart and mind?
7. What is one thing from the message or the group this week that you can live out?
8. Close your time together praying for the people that were mentioned in the group. Keep praying for those people throughout the year as you meet together.