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JESUS!

Romans 1:2-7

Central to Paul's life and ministry was the gospel. In Romans 1:2-7, Paul began his letter to the Christians making it clear the gospel is all about Jesus! Notice Paul's usage of the word "gospel" in the first chapter: (verse 1) the "gospel of God" (verse 9) the "Gospel of His Son" (verses 15- 16) the "Gospel". Unfortunately, the word "gospel" has been misunderstood, misused, and often overused. As a result, people are often unclear or confused about what the "gospel" really means. As John Philips has said, "Christ is at the heart of the gospel message." Today, we will examine Romans 1:2-7 and see that the good news of God in Christ is God's story of redemption.

εὐαγγέλιον – euangelion "good news"

Strong's number: 2098

Frequency in New Testament: 76

Definition: glad tidings, good, or joyful news, Matthew 4:23; 9:35; the Gospel; doctrines of the Gospel, Matthew 26:13; Mark 8:35; the preaching of, or instruction in, the Gospel, 1 Corinthians 4:15; 9:14.

Word Origin: Derived from the Greek words εὖ (eu, meaning "good" or "well") and ἄγγελος (angelos, meaning "messenger" or "message").

1 Corinthians 15:1–4, 1 Corinthians 2:2, 1 Corinthians 9:23

1. Jesus was promised in the Old Testament (verse 2)

Alfred Edersheim found 456 Old Testament verses referring to the Messiah or His times. Conservatively, Jesus fulfilled at least 300 prophecies in His earthly ministry.

Matthew 5:17; 1 Peter 1:8-12

- a. Promised beforehand
- b. Through His prophets
- c. In the holy Scriptures



2. Jesus is presented in the New Testament (verses 3-4)

- a. He is presented in His humanity (verse 3)
Matthew 1:1, 6, 20; Mark 10:47-48; Luke 1:27; John 7:42; Acts 13:23, Revelation 22:16
- b. He is presented in His Divinity (verse 4) Hebrews 7:26

3. Jesus is to be proclaimed among all nations (verses 5-6)

Romans 1:5 **Unto obedience of faith** (εἰς ὑπακοὴν πιστεως [eis hupakoēn pisteōs]). Subjective genitive as in 16:26, the obedience which springs from faith (the act of assent or surrender).¹

1 Timothy 2:1-4; Revelation 7:9-10; Psalm 86:9

4. Jesus makes us the object of God's blessings! (verse 7)

- a. Beloved of God
- b. Called as Saints
- c. Grace to you
- d. Peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

“Love that looks upward is worship. Love that looks outward is affection. And love that stoops is grace.”
Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse

By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:9–10 (NASB95)

Questions?

1. Have I responded to the Gospel?
2. Do I recognize Jesus in all of the Bible?
3. Am I passionate about God's mission to save the lost?
4. Do I grasp the impact of the gospel for my life?

¹ Robertson, A. T. (1933). *Word Pictures in the New Testament* (Romans 1:5). Broadman Press.