

SERMON OUTLINE/NOTES

"The Importance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ"

Romans 1:1-7

Introduction

- There are many different view of the gospel of Jesus Christ
- The level of importance that we place on the gospel and how we respond to it is directly related to our view of it

I. Truths Concerning 3 Categories of People (v. 1, 5-7)

A. Officers of the Church (v. 1)

- Paul's Calling as an Apostle (Acts Chapter 9)
- The Minister of the Word (2 Timothy 4:5; 1:11)

B. "The Called of Jesus Christ" – "Saints" or Holy Ones (v. 6-7)

- Set Apart from the World for God's Holy and Glorious Purpose – Not because of our own Righteousness (Isaiah 64:6; Luke 17:10)
- Reckoned Holy because of the atoning work of Christ on the Cross and His Righteousness Applied to Them (2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 4:3-8)

C. The "Nations" (v. 5)

- The Mass of humanity of Sinners
- Conceived and Born in Sin (Psalm 51:5; Ephesians 2:2-3; Romans 3:9-18)
- From this One Lump of Clay (Romans 9:21) – Chosen from Before the Foundations of the World (Ephesians 1:4)

III. Truths Concerning Jesus Christ (v. 3-4)

- Very Man – "Born of the Seed of David according to the Flesh" (v. 3; Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 2:17-18; 1 Timothy 2:5); The Second Adam (Genesis 3:15; Colossians 2:14-15; Hebrews 2:14)
- Very God – "The Son of God with Power According the Spirit of Holiness, by the Resurrection from the Dead (v. 4; 1 Timothy 3:16; Acts 13:33; John 1:1-3, 14; Ephesians 1:19-20; Matthew 3:17; John 8:58; Exodus 3:14; John 10:30; Philippians 3:5-11)
- This Jesus Gives Grace to all who Belong to Him, Calling them out from the whole Mass of Sinners . . . And Calls out from the midst of the 'Called' Officers of the Church

IV. The Promise of the Gospel to the Nations NOT an After Thought (v. 2)

- "The Nations" Included in God's Plan of Redemption from the Beginning (Genesis 3:15, cf. Ephesians 1:4; Isaiah 60:3; Ephesians 2:19-22; see also, Philippians 3:1-3 – Who are the Circumcision?)
- The Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3; Romans 10:14ff; Revelation 5:9)

Conclusion/Application

- As a Believer in Christ set aside time to meditate on God's Word (Romans 12:1-2)
- Not a Believer in Christ? You are under the Condemnation of Sin, which is Eternal Death (Romans 6:23) – Come to Christ by Faith and in Repentance of Your Sins and you will be Saved (Romans 10:9-13)