

Expositional Preaching from the Authorized Version of the Holy Bible
Current Book: Romans – Message 2

2017 VISION: *Prioritizing God*

Scriptures for Today: Romans 1:1-7 – Paul introduces and defines the Gospel of God

Title of Today's Message: **What will you do with Jesus Christ?**

– *The gospel is a person not a belief system!*

INTRODUCTION

Last week, we introduced the book of Romans to establish the proper context for our study. We learned that Rome was the capital of the Roman empire and the recognized metropolis of the entire **WORLD**. It was at the height of greatness with a population of approx. 3 million people, and it was unparalleled in luxury, wealth, and debauchery. Romans is perfectly placed between Acts (early church history) and the other church epistles as our administrative handbook to govern our church **DOCTRINE**. Today, we will begin our verse by verse study of chapter 1. From Rome to the entire world, the good news of Christ has saved all those who have **BELIEVED** it! It is important to note that God took the time to lay out the boundaries for His gospel at the outset of this blessed letter to all believers in a city where the devil would establish his **FALSE gospel** and **FALSE religion**. God wanted no doubt about His gospel because His gospel is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe it! We often forget this powerful truth. God does not need our intellect or smooth speeches. He wants us to be **WILLING** and humble and to simply preach His gospel to all nations. He will save all who trust Christ by faith.

PREACHING NOTES

1. Paul introduces *the gospel* and outlines its **CRITICAL** elements for **all believers** at Rome.

- ✓ God had **promised** *the gospel* by His **prophets** in *the holy scriptures*...

Luke 24:26, 27 *"And **beginning at Moses and all the prophets**, he expounded unto them in ALL the scriptures the things concerning himself."*

Acts 26:6 *"I stand and am judged for **the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers**"*

1 Corinth 15:3-4 *"For I delivered unto you first of all **that which I also received**, how that **Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures**; And that **he was buried**, and that **he rose again the third day according to the scriptures**"*

NOTE The gospel of God is according to the holy scriptures. Jesus fulfilled all of God's promises.

- ✓ The gospel *concerns* a **person** not a belief system – He is called His **Son, Jesus, Christ, and Lord!**

Matthew 3:17 *"This is **MY BELOVED SON**, in whom I am well pleased."*

Matthew 1:21 *"and **thou shalt call his name JESUS**: for **he shall SAVE his people from their sins**."*

Matthew 16:16 *"Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art THE CHRIST, the Son of the living God**."*

John 13:13 *"**Ye call me MASTER and LORD**: and ye say well; for so I am."*

NOTE The gospel of God is a person, and His name is Jesus Christ. When He calls, you must obey!

- ✓ The gospel *concerns* the **Jewish Messiah** which was **made of the seed of David**.

2 Samuel 7:16 *"**...thy throne shall be established for ever**."*

Isaiah 9:6, 7 *"For unto us a child is born ... upon **the throne of David** ... **for ever**."*

Matthew 1:1 *"The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."*

2 Timothy 2:8 *"Jesus Christ **of the seed of David** was raised from the dead according to my gospel!"*

NOTE The gospel of God is provided through the kingly lineage of David. Jesus is King of kings!

- ✓ The gospel *concerns* God **manifest in the flesh** – 100% man and yet **100% God!**
 John 20:28 *“And Thomas answered and said unto him, **My Lord and my God.**”*
 1 Tim 3:16 *“And without controversy **great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh**”*
 NOTE The gospel of God silences the demands of God’s justice because Jesus was man and holy!

- ✓ The gospel *declares* the **Son of God** to be **resurrected from the dead** by His **own power**.
 Acts 2:24, 32 *“**This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.**”*
 Acts 3:15 *“And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath raised from the dead”*
 Acts 4:10-12 *“Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead”*
 Acts 17:31 *“he hath given ASSURANCE unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead”*
 Revelation 1:18 *“I am he that LIVETH, and WAS DEAD; and, behold, I am ALIVE for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”*
 NOTE He was already God the Son – but He is declared to be so through the glorious resurrection!

- ✓ The gospel is *founded* on **grace** for **obedience to the faith** among **all nations** for his name.
 Ephesians 2:8, 9 *“For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*
 John 6:29 *“Jesus answered and said unto them, **This is the work of God, that ye BELIEVE ON HIM whom he hath sent.**”*
 NOTE Obedience to THE FAITH is not obedience to rules. It is to obey **by believing** (1 Jo 3:23).

2. Paul directs his letter to **all believers** in Rome – **BELOVED** of God and **called** to be **saints**.

- ✓ *To ALL that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints...*
 Matthew 3:17 *“This is **my beloved Son**, in whom I am well pleased.”*
 1 John 3:1 *“Behold, **what manner of love** the Father hath **BESTOWED UPON US...**”*
 Psalm 50:5 *“Gather **my saints** together unto me; those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”*
 Jude 1 *“to them that are **sanctified** by God the Father, and **preserved** in Jesus Christ, and **called**”*
 NOTE God refers to all believers (Jews and Gentiles) with the term used to describe His dear Son!

- ✓ **GRACE to you and PEACE from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

1 Cor 1:3 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>	1 Tim 1:2 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>
2 Cor 1:2 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>	2 Tim 1:2 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>
Gal 1:3 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>	Titus 1:4 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>
Eph 1:2 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>	Phile 3 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>
Php 1:2 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>	1 Pet 1:2 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>
Col 1:2 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>	2 Pet 1:2 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>
1 Thes 1:1 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>	2 Jn 1:3 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>
2 Thes 1:2 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>	Rev 1:4, 5 <i>“Grace ... and peace”</i>

 Romans 5:1 *“Therefore being justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**”*
 NOTE It is always GRACE **then** PEACE. It is **never** peace before grace. We are at war with Almighty God and enemies of Christ **UNTIL** we are **saved BY GRACE through faith**. **THEN**, we have **PEACE WITH GOD**. After, the peace of God keeps our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Many have lowered THE STANDARDS of God’s righteousness. The gospel of God does not!