

Good News

Romans 1:1–4

“a slave of Christ Jesus”

Romans 15:18

“For I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in order to bring about the obedience of the Gentiles, by word and deed”

“called to be an apostle.”

“set apart for the gospel of God.”

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Promises

Verse 2

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Three Things

1. The gospel of God is the fulfillment of Old Testament promises.
2. God keeps His promises.
3. These are holy, inspired writings we should believe.

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1 Corinthians 2:13

“And we speak about these things, not with words taught us by human wisdom, but with those taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual things to spiritual people”

2 Peter 3:15b,16

“also our dear brother Paul wrote to you, according to the wisdom given to him, 3:16 speaking of these things in all his letters. Some things in these letters are hard to understand, things the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they also do to the rest of the scriptures.”

It’s All About The Son

Verse 3

“concerning His Son who was a descendant of David with reference to the flesh,”

1. The Son of God existed before He became a human being.

Romans 8:3

“For God achieved what the law could not do because it was weakened through the flesh. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and concerning sin, He condemned sin in the flesh”

2. Christ Is God.

Romans 9:5

“To them belong the patriarchs, and from them, by human descent, came the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever! Amen.”

Colossians 2:9

“For in Him all the fullness of deity lives in bodily form”

Descendant of David

Verse 3

“concerning His Son who was a descendant of David with reference to the flesh,”

1. The Son of God became a man.

2. He was born in the line of King David in the Old Testament.

Old Testament promises

Jeremiah 23:5

“I, the Lord, promise that a new time will certainly come when I will raise up for them a righteous branch, a descendant of David. He will rule over them with wisdom and understanding and will do what is just and right in the land.”

Isaiah 11:10

“At that time a root from Jesse will stand like a signal flag for the nations. Nations will look to him for guidance, and his residence will be majestic.”

So the gospel of God is the good news that now, after hundreds of years, God has acted to fulfill his plan and promise that a king would come in the line of David. And as Isaiah 9:6–7 says,

Isaiah 9:7

His dominion will be vast and he will bring immeasurable prosperity. He will rule on David’s throne and over David’s kingdom, establishing it and strengthening it by promoting justice and fairness, from this time forward and forevermore. The Lord’s intense devotion to His people will accomplish this.”

Isaiah 35:10

“those whom the Lord has ransomed will return that way. They will enter Zion with a happy shout. Unending joy will crown them, happiness and joy will overwhelm them; grief and suffering will disappear.”

Dead And Raised

Verse 4

“who was appointed the Son-of-God-in-power according to the Holy Spirit by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.”

1. This resurrection from the dead was ‘according to the Holy Spirit.’

Romans 8:11

“Moreover if the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will also make your mortal bodies alive through his Spirit who lives in you.”

2. **Son-of-God-in-power** according to the Holy Spirit by the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Matthew 28:18

“All authority in heaven and on earth has All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me”

1 Corinthians 15:25,26

“For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be eliminated is death.”

What does this have to do with me?

1. Jesus is the Messianic king. He is reigning now over the world.

2. He is putting all His enemies under His feet. There will come a day when he breaks out of his invisible rule with visible glory and He will establish His kingdom openly on the earth.

3. That is what Paul means by “**Son of God in power**” He is ruling now. He is working His purposes out through His Spirit and His church.

4. And the day will come when Christ will defeat every enemy, so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow – in heaven and on earth and under the earth – and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

Revelation 22:20

The one who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon!" Amen! Come, Lord Jesus!