

The Gospel According to God

Intro video: rescued

Welcome to the Romans

- virtually every revival in history began with a study of Romans
- Augustine got saved reading Romans
- Luther rebelled against the Catholic Church because of Romans
- Bunyan became a spiritual giant because of Romans
- John Wesley got saved studying Romans
- Calvin called it the treasure house of Scripture
- Luther called it the chief part of the NT
- Godet called it the cathedral of Christian faith
- Tydale called it the principle and most excellent part of the NT, the path into the whole Scripture
- Barnhouse called it the most perfect food known to man
- It is also the first book that started this church

So what is Romans about?

Problem:

(Look at the 4 gospel titles)

Behold the Gospel according to God

Rom 1:1 - it is good news from God

1:9 - it is good news about God

1:15 - it is good news that is relevant to you right now

1:16-17 - it is good news that contains the power of God for salvation
(justification, sanctification, glorification)

15:16 - it is good news no matter who you are, no matter what you have done, no matter how bad things seem

16:25 - the good news that works...but how do we know???

Main Idea:

Behold the credentials of its messenger

Behold the credibility of its message

Behold the cause of its magnificence

Behold the calling of its members

Implication:

Behold the confidence of its missionaries

Application:

His heart is revealed to us - what will you do with this book?

Outro video: Jesus is the center

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/80-321/slaves-for-christ>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/saints-Christian.html>

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-study/topical-studies/romans-the-greatest-letter-ever-written.html>

The Gospel According to God

Text:

Behold the credentials of its messenger

Rom. 1:1 Paul, **a servant (doulos) of Christ**
Jesus, **called to be an apostle, set apart (perfect), for the gospel of God (unlike pharisee)**

Acts 26:12-18 (called to be an apostle by God- the gospel defined him totally)
Gal 1:10-17 (Paul's authority did not come from being a celebrity but from being a slave)
Acts 2:42 (His Word are important - we devote ourselves to them)
2 Pet 3:14-16 (Romans should all be red)
Luke 10:16 (for they are God's Words- God's good news)

Behold the credibility of its message

Rom. 1:2 which he (father) **promised beforehand** through his prophets **in the holy Scriptures**,
Rom. 1:3 **concerning his Son**, who was descended from David according to the flesh
Rom. 1:4 and was **declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit** of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, **Jesus Christ our Lord**,

1 Cor 15:1-8 (the gospel is according to the Scriptures)
Lk 24:25-27, 44-48 (behold the credibility of the Gospel- same as the presence of Christ Himself)
Gen 3:14-15 (it was about Him in the beginning)
Isa 40:1-11 (its was about Him in the middle)
Rev 1:1, 14:6 (it was about Him in the end)
1 Jn 1:1-4 (The gospel is a who not a what- not a teaching that can be ignored or a philosophy that can be argued but a person we submit to - Jesus Christ)

Behold the cause of its magnificence

Rom. 1:5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship **to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name** among all the nations,

Jn 6:25-29 (faith is an act of obedience done by a regenerate heart- it is the saving result of God's work, to display God's glory...)
Ps 23:3; 25:11; 31:3; 79:9; 106:8; 109:21; 115:1; 143:11 (we never grasp the gospel until we understand that it is not fundamentally a message about our lives, dreams, or hopes)
1 Jn 2:12 (the gospel saves us, transforming our lives dreams and hopes because it is not about us)

Behold the calling of its members

Rom. 1:6 including **you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ**,
Rom. 1:7 ¶ **To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints:** ¶ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Phil 1:1; Col 1:7; 4:7; James 1:1; 2 Pet 1:1; Jude 1 (Paul was not the only slave)
(Gen 26:24 (Abraham Eved); Num 12:7 (Moses); Josh 24:29 (Joshua); 2 Sam 7:5 (David); Isa 6:8 (20:3 Isaiah); Isa 53:11 (Christ Himself))
2 Tim 2:24 (I am a slave - Paul, Brett, Rob are slaves)
1 Pet 2:16 (you are a slave too)
Acts 20:28 (he bought you with His own blood)
1 Cor 6:19-20 (He has called you through the gospel)

Behold the confidence of its missionaries

Rom 10:14-15 (this was written to you but you didn't know it until someone told you)
His heart is revealed to us - what will you do with this book?