

Romans 1:1-7 The Gospel Driven Life, pt 1

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I. Review

- A. Last time intro. Romans overview. Subject: the gospel, God's power to save.
- B. Salvation is both a then and now thing. Of the many ways one could sum up Paul's life, one stands out - Paul had a gospel driven life.

II. 1:1-7

A. 1:1

- 1. Paul - small.
 - a) Old name Saul means asked for.
 - b) Change in identity. God does this throughout the word.
 - c) Me at UW with Chuck.
 - d) In the future, Rev. 2:17.
 - e) Our church name reflects it's function.
 - f) How about you? Did you get a new ID? Gal. 2:20, 2 Cor. 5:17.
- 2. bondservant - doulos. An owned slave. What could Paul have said? Phil. 3:4-11. What is your title? Where is your value? Who is your lord?
- 3. called - invited, as to a party. Kickball.
- 4. apostle - sent out one, messenger. Meant more originally. What are you called to? All called to full-time ministry, as an apostle of sorts.
- 5. separated - excluded, appointed, set apart. Word where we get Pharisee, separated ones.
 - a) Paul was a Pharisee. Set apart to the law plus traditions.
 - b) Now Paul is a Pharisee for something else.
- 6. gospel of God - the good news.
 - a) The message, doctrine, teaching, promises concerning Jesus and salvation.
 - b) Pharisee separated from, gospel separates to the world. How about you?
- 7. This is Paul identifying himself. His existence is centered on the gospel. He has a gospel driven life. But what does that mean? What is the gospel?

B. 1:2-4 The gospel message

- 1. 1:2
 - a) promised before - one word. Before what? Any of this ever happened. Implication is that he/they didn't start this.
 - b) Holy Scriptures - it's written down hundreds of years old.
 - c) This idea prophecy is part of the gospel.
- 2. 1:3 Why does it matter that Jesus is of the seed of David?
 - a) Had to be human. Blood of animals does not equal the "price" of a human. Humans are made in God's image. We are special. Life for life throughout OT. Equity from God.
 - b) God promised, as a means of authentication, that it would be through a specific line. Importance of geneol. Gen. 6?

3. 1:4 The resurrection is **the sign**.
 - a) Jesus pointed to Jonah.
 - b) Power of the Spirit in resurrection does/will parallel power of the Spirit in our new, regenerated lives. Not point now.
 - c) The resurrection says, "If the fulfilled prophecy wasn't enough, ta-da!" McDowell, **The Resurrection Factor**.
 - d) These, together, are the essence of the gospel. Prophecy, reality, resurrection.
- C. 1:5-7 The gospel manifested
 1. 1:5
 - a) **Him** - who? the promised, born, died, resurrected Jesus.
 - b) **we** - Who is "we"? He and the other apostles. Contrasts momentarily with "you".
 - c) **grace and apostleship** - not so much saving grace as equipping and gifting.
 - d) **For** what? For delivering the message of obedience through faith in all the world. **Acts 1:8**.
 - e) Gospel driven life.
 2. 1:6 **you are also the called** - the invited of Jesus. Open invitation.
 3. 1:7
 - a) **to all** - really? Even the obnoxious ones he will write about? Yup.
 - b) **beloved** - God loves you.
 - c) **called to be saints** - invited to be holy ones/things. Bob's story about boy and stained glass window saints. "Those are the ones the light shines through." That's us.
 - (1) Let your light so shine before men. **Matt. 5:16**.
 - (2) Walk in the light as he is in the light. **1 John 1:7**.
 - d) Business about why the HS isn't never mentioned in greetings. He never speaks of Himself, only of the Father and Jesus, both of whom speak about the other two.

III. Wrap up

- A. Are you living a gospel driven life? Don't have to be Paul, be you.
- B. If not, you are missing out on the point of this.
- C. God is real, we are separated from Him, He sent Jesus to fix that, we need to surrender ourselves to that, our lives will be transformed, and we get Heaven.
- D. The gospel message is not one that is simply believed, it's one that is lived out in the power of God's HS. If you don't have it, go get it.