

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for December 18, 1988

“The Good News”
Romans 1:2-7

Introduction: Paul was committed to the good news of Christ Jesus.

Body: The gospel is what should fascinate us, intrigue us, consume us. If we are not consumed with the gospel we will be caught up in all the cares of the world, pulled this way and that. The only way we can be constant is by constant focus on the gospel of Christ.

1. The gospel of God was anticipated by the prophets.

In verse 2, “ which He promised before hand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures.” In the holy Scriptures, the writing prophets, example Daniel 9, the very time of Christ’s coming is given. The “good news” was anticipated from the beginning of man, from the fall in the garden, Genesis 3.

No other so-called Holy Scriptures make the statement; so it was the prophecy of Daniel, Isaiah, . . was fulfilled.

We need to be knowledgeable about the prophecy of Christ and the fulfillment of them.

2. The person of Jesus.

The first thing Paul relates about Jesus is that He is God. Jesus is the Son of God, the only begotten Son. Jesus said, “If you have seen Me you have seen the Father.”

In verse 4, the miracle of the resurrection declares Jesus the Son of God in power. “According to the spirit of holiness” holiness is a description of God. This is the reason the grave could not hold Him.

The “good news” will control our lives if we are consumed by it. Reflect on the One who has been given.