

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for January 8, 1989

“The Good News”
Romans 1:2-7 Part 3

Introduction: There is no gospel, there is no good news apart from Jesus.

Body:

1. The gospel Anticipated.
2. The gospel realized in Jesus
 - a. The person of Jesus
 1. Jesus is fully God
 2. Jesus is fully Man
 - b. The work of Jesus, the benefits of the work of Christ.
 1. Benefits to the apostles

Verse 5, “through whom we have received” who is the “we” being talked about. The apostles, those who were personally commissioned by Christ. “We have received grace”, they had received SALVATION (unmerited favor). I Cor. 15: 8-10, when Paul was saved he realized how truly a miracle this was. Paul considered himself “chief among sinners” and yet he was called to be an apostle...grace.

The call from this grace is “obedience of faith.” Responding to the call of God, the initial conversion moving from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light. The conversion is obedience. We are called as Paul was called to bring the world to the “obedience of faith.”

Why were Paul and the other apostles called? Why are we called “for His name’s sake”? All we do should be from the motivation “for His name’s sake.”

2. Benefits to the saints in Rome

Through the work and ministry of the apostles there was a church in Rome. Verse 6, the special calling from God. All of us were dead in trespasses in sin. Only God can call to the “dead” to bring them out. Ezekiel 37:1-10 pictures the calling of God.

Called as “saints” the holy ones, the set apart ones. We are called “saints” we stand in grace, we have peace with God, but we need to “walk in grace” calling upon His grace every step, (praying every step) with the grace step by step comes peace step by step.

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 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.