

MESSAGE NOTES

“Practical Teaching for Everyday Living”

THE MAN, THE MISSION, THE MESSAGE

Romans: The Power of the Gospel

Romans 1:1-17

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I. THE _____ - _____

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— Rom. 1:1

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FOR THE GOSPEL OF GOD

2 which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, 3 the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh 4 and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, 6 including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, (Rom. 1:2-4) NRSV

Who is Jesus Christ? _____

- _____ - DESCENDANT of David.
 - “Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. 30 But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. 31 Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. 32 God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. 33 Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. 34 For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand 35 until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.”” (Acts 2:29-35)
- _____ - DECLARED SON OF GOD by the Holy Spirit and His Resurrection

Heresy about Jesus Christ

- _____ - Jesus was a man who just became the Son of God
- _____ - Jesus only appeared to be Human (Phantom)
- _____ - Jesus is not Co-Eternal with God the Father and Holy Spirit
- _____ - Jesus is not divine.

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II. THE _____

Through him and for his name's sake, we received **grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith.** 6 And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

(Rom. 1:5-6)

- **CALL TO _____ THAT COMES BY FAITH**

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. 9 **God, whom I serve with my whole heart** in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you 10 in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by **God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.** (Rom. 1:8-10)

- **SERVE GOD WITH HIS _____**
- **WALK IN _____ FOR MY LIFE**

I am obligated both to Greeks and Non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. 15 That is why **I am so eager to preach** the gospel also to you who are at Rome. **I am not ashamed** of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. (Rom. 1:14-16)

_____ - _____ - **NOT** _____

III. THE _____

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is **the power of God for the salvation** of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. 17 For in **the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith** from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith." (Rom. 1:16-17)

- _____ - "**the power of God for the salvation** of everyone who believes"
 - **POWER TO SAVE YOU! POWER TO DELIVER YOU! POWER TO TRANSFORM YOU!**
- _____ - "**the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed**"
 - **GOD WILL MAKE ALL THINGS RIGHT AND JUST!**
- _____ - **righteousness that is by faith** from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."
 - **Faith is an attitude toward God** which involves an attitude toward self—all trust in one's own deserving **is shut out**. This attitude of faith, Paul is going to insist in this letter, **is the sole condition of salvation.** (Knox 1951, 9:392)

The Nicene Creed (Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed) 318

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.