

“Grace & Peace to You”

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF ROMANS

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ROMANS 1:1-3, SON OF MAN | SON OF GOD, LESSON 6 PART 1

As Paul makes his introduction to the Saints in **Rome**, he reveals that the central purpose of this Letter was that they would understand **THE GOSPEL OF GOD** that had been committed to him. This **GOSPEL** was nothing new, but until this time it had not been plainly set down, developed, explained, and defended.

Our lesson tonight will lead us into the very "heart" of the **GOSPEL: God would redeem man from his sin through the miracle of the incarnation: *God manifested in the flesh***. The **PROMISED SEED**, the **SAVIOR**, the **MESSIAH** would be born of woman, YET separate from humanity: **He would be, "The GOD-MAN."**

THE GOSPEL OF GOD

Paul,

[verse 1]

a servant of CHRIST JESUS,

called to be an Apostle,

set apart for the GOSPEL OF GOD,

which he promised beforehand

[verse 2]

through his prophets

in the HOLY SCRIPTURES,

concerning His SON,

[verse 3]

who was descended from David,

[Human Lineage]

according to the flesh

[Human Nature]

and was declared to be the SON OF GOD

in power

[The Authority of His Deity] [verse 4]

according to the SPIRIT of holiness

by his resurrection from the dead,

[The Power of His Deity]

JESUS CHRIST our LORD...

IT'S NOTHING NEW

Set apart [for] the GOSPEL OF GOD... - "unto the GOSPEL..." - THIS is the whole purpose of His separation - ALL of Paul's work, plans, and life were to be centered around THIS...

There is a "degree" to which WE are also to be dedicated TO this Gospel...

2 TIM 4:5 "*As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist*

[OR: "do your work evangelistically" - with the GOSPEL in mind / view], fulfill your ministry."

which [GOD] promised beforehand
in the HOLY SCRIPTURES...

TITUS 1:2 "...in hope of eternal life, which God, who never lies, promised before the ages began..."

ISA 40:9 Go on up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of GOOD NEWS [THE GOSPEL]; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of GOOD NEWS [THE GOSPEL]; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, "BEHOLD YOUR GOD!"

ISA 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings GOOD NEWS [THE GOSPEL], who publishes peace, who brings GOOD NEWS [THE GOSPEL] of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "YOUR GOD REIGNS."

MARK 1:1-3 The beginning of the GOOD NEWS [THE GOSPEL] about JESUS the MESSIAH, the SON OF GOD,² as it is written in ISAIAH THE PROPHET:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way" – ³ "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"

HEBREWS 10:4-7 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,

(This is the Voice of the PRE-INCARNATE CHRIST... spoken in Eternal Past)

"Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;

⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,

as it is written of me in the scroll of the book." (THE LAW, WISDOM, THE PROPHETS)

ROMANS 1:1-3, SON OF MAN | SON OF GOD, LESSON 6 PART 2

concerning HIS SON, - Yes, He WAS Mary's son (H) ... But yet ... He WASN'T (D)

1 TIM 3:16 Great indeed, we confess, is the MYSTERY OF GODLINESS: [the "Incarnation"]
[GOD] (H) was manifested in the flesh (H) ...

1 PETER 1:20-21 He was foreknown before the foundation of the world (D) but was made manifest (H) in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

who was descended from David.

according to [under the influence of] the flesh – HIS HUMANITY (H)

MATT 1:1 The book of the genealogy of JESUS CHRIST, the son of David, the son of Abraham...¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom JESUS (H) was born, who is called CHRIST (D) Traced from David through Solomon to Joseph (God's choice to serve as Earthly father)

LUKE 3:23 Jesus, when he began his ministry, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed) of Joseph, the son of Heli,...^[vs31] the son of Nathan, the son of David,^[vs38] the son of Adam, the son of God.

Traced from Joseph who became the son of Heli through marriage to Mary > Heli ... > NATHAN (Instead of Solomon God chose an obscure son – God's way of protecting the Messianic Line through the next 1,000 years) > David ... > Adam > God.

MATT 1:20-21 "...an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son (H), and you shall call his name JESUS, for he will save his people from their sins."

LUKE 1:31-33 "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name JESUS (H).³² He will be great and will be called the "SON OF THE MOST HIGH" (D). And the LORD GOD will give to him the throne of his father David,³³ and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end (M)."

ACTS 10:38 "...how God anointed JESUS OF NAZARETH (H) with the HOLY SPIRIT and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for GOD was with HIM."

ISA 7:14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son (H), and she shall call his name Immanuel (D).

ISA 9:6-7 For to us a child is born (H), to us a son is given (D); and the government shall be upon his shoulder (D), and His Name shall be called WONDERFUL COUNSELOR (M), MIGHTY GOD (M), EVERLASTING FATHER (M), PRINCE OF PEACE (M).⁷ Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end (M), on the throne of David (M) and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD OF HOSTS will do this.

LUKE 2:8-20 (H) & (D) [Shepherds in the field...]

and was declared to be the SON OF GOD...

in power – Yes, He WAS God... But He Became MORE – AT His Resurrection the FATHER assigned Him a place of Power and Authority which He had NOT had before...

according to [under the influence of] **the SPIRIT of Holiness...** -- In His earthly life Jesus lived a "holy" life before God and man **BY the influence of the Spirit of God...** THEREFORE He was declared without sin and qualified to be our Holy Substitute...

by his **resurrection from the dead...** - **HIS DEITY (D)** - There is NO WAY to lessen the vital importance of JESUS' resurrection from the dead.

IT is the central doctrine in the **"Preaching of the CROSS."**

Without His resurrection, His death is simply the greatest of tragedies... *an innocent one tortured and put to death for the crimes of others.*

The **"CROSS"** IS the **"Suffering / Death / Resurrection / Ascension"** of JESUS our MESSIAH [CHRIST]

GEN 3:14-15 *The LORD GOD said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring (D); **HE shall bruise your head,** and you shall bruise HIS heel." (H)*

ACTS 2:32; 34-35 *This JESUS GOD raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. ... ³⁴ For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, "The LORD (F) said to my LORD (S), 'Sit at my right hand, ³⁵ until I make your enemies your footstool.'"*

ACTS 13:32-33 *"And we bring you **the GOOD NEWS** that what God promised to the fathers ... this HE has fulfilled to us their children **by raising JESUS,** as also it is written in the Second PSALM, 'You are my SON, today I have begotten you.'"* -

IN His resurrection He Became the **Firstborn FROM the Dead** -

FIRST in **Time**... although many had been "raised from the dead" it was ONLY physical resurrection... AND they would ALL die again...

BUT JESUS [as man], was the **FIRST BORN** from **"spiritual death (separation from God)** to **spiritual Life (Union with God)** -

From the **Only Begotten** [JOHN 3:16] to the **First Begotten** [REV 1:5]

FIRST in **Position**... JESUS' resurrection established Him as the **"Primary ONE"** who would then stand as the HEAD over the multitudes who would find place under Him

FIRST in **Power**... At JESUS resurrection GOD gave Him a NAME that was above every name that could be... *IN Heaven... ON Earth... and UNDER the Earth...*

PHIL 2:6-11

COL 1:15-20