March 16, 2008 The Bridge Bible Fellowship Pastor Paul S. Brown Romans 1:1-17

"Do The Work Of An Evangelist!"

| THEOF THE GOSPEL - v. 1 A. Position - slave, bond-servant; owned by Christ B. Purpose - apostle, messenger, sent-one C. Parameters - mark off, separate by a boundary |
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| THEOF THE GOSPEL - v. 2 A. The Prophet (GOD) B. The Promise (Gen. 3:15, 21; 5 (death); 12:1-3; 15:6; 18-19 (grace/destruction); 22:8, 13f; Ex. 12 (Passover); Lev. 1ff (sacrifices); 17:11 (blood=life); Ps. 2; 16:10; 22-24; 110; Is. 7:14; 9:6f - (virgin birth; God); Jer. 31:27-40 cf. Ezek. 36:26-38 (New Cov.); Dan. 9:24-27 (time); Micah 5:2 (location Bethlehem); Mt. 5:17; Heb. 1:1f; 1 Pet. 1:10f |
| THE OF THE GOSPEL - v. 3f A. His Position – Son (heir) |
| B. His Parameters - "declared the Son of God" |
| C. His Power - "with power by the resurrection from the dead" |
| THE OF THE GOSPEL - v. 5-7 A. The Participants - "through whom we have received grace & apostleship" (Heb. 3:1; Rom. 16:7) |
| B. The Purpose 1. "to bring about the obedience of faith" obedience springing from faith - Rom. 16:26; 1:8 cf. 16:19 obedience to the faith - Acts 6:7 2. "all the Gentiles" (nations) Mk. 16:15f; Mt. 28:16-20 3. "for His name's sake" |
| C. The Product 1. "among whom you also are the CALLED OF JESUS CHRIST" 2. "beloved of God" (v. 7 – cf. Eph. 1:6; 2:4f; Rom. 5:5; 8:35; 1 John 3:1) 3. "called as saints" = "called holy" (2 Cor. 5:17, 21; Heb. 2:11) 4. "Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ" |
| THE FOR THE GOSPEL v. 8-15 A. The Proclamation v. 8 B. The Prayer v. 9-10 C. The Partnership v. 11-12 D. The Planning v. 13-15 • "under obligation" = I am a DEBTOR • "eager to preach the gospel" (Acts 20:22-24) |
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Appl: What is our PLAN to get the glorious gospel to our neighbors, family, workers, L.A., California, U.S.A., World? Are we OBLIGATED? Are we EAGER?

- A. The Perspective not ashamed
- B. The Power salvation
- C. The Product righteousness
 - "A righteousness" = not revealing His attribute, but giving us a new attribute
 - "out of faith into faith" = ENTIRELY OF FAITH

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What do you think keeps many professing Christians from boldly sharing the Gospel with others on a regular basis? What keeps you from doing it?
- 2. What did the Apostle Paul command Timothy to do in 2 Timothy 4:5? Is that exclusively the job of Pastors and evangelists? (See Mt. 28:16-20; Mk. 16:15; Lk. 24:44-47; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; 4:31; 8:1-4) Do you see yourself as a "preacher" of the Gospel? Have you been "set apart" to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Why or why not?
- 3. What is the Promise of the Gospel? Do you see that as truly "good news"? How vital is this news to our world today? How many people need this news?
- 4. What does it mean that Jesus was "<u>declared</u>" the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead? How is Jesus different from every other "religious leader" who has ever lived? According to John 8:22-23, if Jesus was not God what problem would we still have?
- 5. What does it mean that we have received "grace AND apostleship"? See Eph. 2:8-10. What have we been saved from? What have we been saved to?
- 6. What did Paul mean in v. 14 when he said he was "under obligation"? What obligation do we have to God? What obligation do we have to the lost people of the world?
- 7. Paul said that he was "eager" (willing, ready) to preach the gospel. (See Mk. 14:38 & 1 Pet. 5:2 for other uses of the word "eager") Why was he so ready & willing to preach the gospel?
- 8. Why are many professing Christians ashamed of the gospel (they shrink back when they have opportunities to talk to people)? Why wasn't Paul?
- 9. Who (or what) are you in Christ? (Mt. 5:13, 14; John 1:12; 15:1, 5, 15, 16; Rom. 6:18, 22; 8:14f, 17; Gal. 3:26, 28; 4:6f; 1 Cor. 3:16; 6:17, 19; 12:27; Eph. 5:30; 2 Cor. 5:17- 19; Eph. 1:1; 1 Cor. 1:2; Eph. 2:10, 19; 3:1; 4:1, 24; Phil. 3:20; Col. 3:3f, 12; 1 Thess. 1:4; 5:5; Heb. 3:1, 14; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9-11; 1 John 3:1-2; 5:18) What can you do differently this week to show and tell the world that these things are true?
- 10. Who are the top 5 people in your life that need to know the Lord? Pray for them daily and ask the Lord to open up opportunities and give you the boldness to share the gospel with them!