

— Romans 1.1-13 —
Romans Series 2
The Gospel of God

Romans 1.1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God 2 which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead. 5 Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name, 6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; 7 To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. 9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers, 10 making request if, by some means, now at last I may find a way in the will of God to come to you ...

* Paul sometimes uses lengthy salutations in which he ...

* The theme of the salutation and the whole letter is ...

* If we look at the salutation as a whole with 1st C eyes, the first thing that stands out about this gospel is ...

* What did these words mean in the 1st C Roman empire?

- Gospel (vs 1)

- Son of God (vs 4)

- Lord (vs 3)

- Grace and peace (vs 7)

- Obedience ... among all nations (vs 5)

* How was the gospel perceived in Acts 17.6-7?

* The second thing that stands out about this gospel is ...

* How is this King and his Kingdom different?

* How did God show this in the life of Nebuchadnezzar?

* The third thing that stands out about this gospel is ...

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* Paul's announcement of this gospel is ...

* How is postmodern America increasingly like Rome?

* The main social challenge for Rome and the rest of the Empire was one that America faces today ...

* How did the gospel's challenge the empire of fallen man actually work on the ground?

* Why is a retreat to a private gospel not an option?