

ROMANS 03 – 1:2-7

Apostle of the Romans

1. Gospel of God

- a. Gospel of God can be the gospel of Christ – Rom 15:16-18
- b. Paul teaches one gospel: the gospel of the grace of God – Acts 20:24, Eph 1:13
- c. It is different from the kingdom gospel, the gospel of the circumcision – Gal 2:7
- d. The mystery of Christ's work on the cross cannot be separated from who he is.

2. 1:2 - Promised Afore by his Prophets

- a. If our Christ is according to the mystery, is he the scriptural Christ? Luke 1:69-77
- b. The prophets and scriptures did not contain the mystery of Christ – Rom 16:25
- c. Christ, kingdom, salvation, promised: Psa 32:1; Jer 23:6, 33:16; 2Tim 1:1; Eph 3:6
- d. The prophets and scriptures contained Christ – John 5:38-39 vs. Eph 3:8
- e. The mystery of Christ and of the gospel was unknown – Eph 3:4; 6:19; Col 2:2; 4:3
- f. Paul taught the mystery about the Christ of the scriptures - 1 Cor 15:1-4

3. 1:3-4 – The Gospel Described

- a. "Jesus Christ our Lord" – You don't find this name in MMLJ (or the NIV)
- b. "made of the seed of David" as was proven in Luke 3:23-38, Mat 21:9, 22:42
- c. "according to the flesh" This is his earthly ministry – Gal 4:4, 1 Tim 3:16, Rom 8:3
- d. "declared to be the Son of God" by resurrection: Mat 12:39, Acts 2:29-36, 13:33-37
- e. Christ had two natures: fully God and fully man in one person – Phil 2:6-9
- f. "spirit of holiness" God's purity – Exo 15:11, 28:36-38, Psa 60:6, 89:35, Acts 3:12
- g. Paul has the mystery truth about Christ – 2 Tim 2:8, Rom 2:16, 16:25

4. 1:5 – Paul's Apostleship

- a. Christ of the scriptures gave Paul grace (doctrine) and apostleship - Gal 2:8-9
- b. "obedience to the faith" also in Rom 16:26; Rom 6:17- it is doctrine, not any work
- c. The man of faith will obey when God says to work not – Rom 4:5, Titus 3:5
- d. "among all nations" – is Paul's jurisdiction now, not Peter's kingdom Mark 16:15
- e. Paul lays the foundation upon Christ according to the mystery – 1 Cor 3:10

5. 1:6-7 – To the Romans

- a. Called by authority given to Paul, not Calvin - 1Cor 1:9, Gal 1:6; 2Thes 2:14
- b. "called to be saints" is right as they are called by the gospel – 1 Cor 1:2
- c. "All that be in Rome" = Jews and Gentiles, maybe a controversy? Rom 3:8, 11:25
- d. "beloved of God" Christ is the beloved Eph 1:6; God loved us Eph 5:2, Gal 2:20
- e. "Grace and peace" – finally the end of Paul's lengthy beginning.