

The Book of Romans

The Gospel of God

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Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God,
² which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, ⁴ who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, 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 His name's sake, ⁶ among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;
⁷ to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints:
 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

(Romans 1:1-7)

The Gospel of God...

1. Promised Beforehand
 - Paul deliberately links the gospel he preaches with God's promises to Israel
 - This "good news" is the fulfillment of what was previously promised in the Scriptures

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2. Concerning His Son
 - The good news is ultimately about a person, the unique Son of God

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2. Concerning His Son

A. "According to flesh"

- born from the seed of David – his human lineage was from David's line
- 2 Sam. 7:12-16; Isa. 11:1,10; Jer. 23:5-6; 30:9; 33:14-18; Ezek. 34:23-24; 37:24-25)

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B. "According to Spirit" (of holiness)

- "appointed the Son of God with power" – installed as the eternal, Davidic King
- "from the resurrection of the dead" – initiated His reign in power as the Son-King (cf. Acts 13:33)

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2. Concerning His Son

- "Jesus Christ our Lord"