

## The Book of Romans

### The Gospel of God

“Gospel” (*god-spel*) – good news announced by a messenger who is sent or commissioned

“Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, <sup>3</sup> concerning His Son... Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about *the* obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name’s sake” (Romans 1:1-5)

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “THE WORD IS NEAR YOU, IN YOUR MOUTH AND IN YOUR HEART”—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, <sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; <sup>10</sup> for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. <sup>11</sup> For the Scripture says, “EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES IN HIM WILL NOT BE DISAPPOINTED.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same *Lord* is Lord of all, abounding in riches for all who call on Him; <sup>13</sup> for “EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.”

(Romans 10:8-13)

<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?

<sup>15</sup> How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, “HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO PREACH THE GOSPEL OF GOOD THINGS!”

<sup>16</sup> However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, “LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?”

<sup>17</sup> So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

(Romans 10:14-17)

## Universal Proclamation

### 1. The Necessity of Gospel Proclamation

- Paul gives the necessary conditions for salvation: *calling-believing-hearing-proclaiming-sending*
- Paul’s emphasis is on the necessity of gospel proclamation through those *sent by God* (Isaiah 52:7)

Isaiah 52:7: “*How beautiful are the feet of those who proclaim the gospel*”

1. The precious value of gospel-messengers
2. The implicit sending by God of Paul and the apostles to proclaim this gospel

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### 2. The Certainty of Gospel Proclamation

- God has sent messengers of this good news – the foundational conditions of this universal faith have been fulfilled
- This gospel proclamation is met with resistance by Israel and faith by the nations

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### ➤ Implications:

1. The necessity of gospel proclamation for salvation
2. The motivation for the missionary task of making disciples of all nations
3. The unparalleled privilege of being a gospel-messenger