The Gospel of God
Studies in the Epistle of Paul to the Romans

The Love of God
Romans 8:18-39
Lesson 11

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What is the Gospel?

Good news about Christ, righteousness and faith

- Romans 1:3 – “concerning His Son”
- Romans 1:17 – “righteousness of God”
  - Righteous to judge sin (3:25-26)
  - Righteousness imputed (3:21-22)
- Romans 1:17 – “the just shall live by faith”
  - Not of works (3:28)
  - By grace (4:16; 6:14)
What is the Gospel?

- The wrath of God is revealed from heaven (1:18-3:20)
  - A universal revelation
  - A universal reception
  - A universal rejection
  - Human morality is insufficient
  - All are under sin (3:9)
What is the Gospel?

- God justifies through faith in Jesus Christ (3:21-4:25)
  - Christ propitiated God by His death
  - Abraham is the father of faith (4:3; 16)
  - Faith is (4:18-25):
    - Hope against hope
    - Trust in the promise of God
    - Focused upon Christ
What is the Gospel?

- God sanctifies through faith in Jesus Christ (5:1-8:17)
  - Suffering with hope of the glory of God (5:2-3)
  - The believers’ union with Christ (5:10, 12-21)
  - Sin will not have dominion over the believer (6:14)
  - The Law of Moses is not needed, but hinders (7:1-25)
  - The power of the Holy Spirit (8:1-17)
    - Adoption as sons (Galatians 4:1-7)
    - Two historical stages of salvation – O.T. and N.T.
What is the Gospel?

- The completion of our salvation
- Romans 8:18-39
  1. Our Hope (8:18-25)
  2. Our Help (8:26-37)
  3. The Love of God in Christ (8:38-39)
What is the Gospel?

- The Bible says:
- We are all sinners
- Christ died for sinners
- Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and be saved
- Jesus is coming again – Judge and King
Our Hope (Romans 8:18-25)

Sufferings of this present time

- The certainty of suffering
  - John 15:20; Acts 14:22; Philippians 1:29; 2 Timothy 3:12
- The suffering of Christ
  - Hebrews 2:10; 5:7-10; Isaiah 53:3-4
- The just shall live by faith
  - 2 Corinthians 4:17; 1 Peter 4:12-13, 19; Colossians 3:2
Our Hope (Romans 8:18-25)

The glory to be revealed

▶ The creation’s longing (8:19-22)
  • The curse on creation
  • The creation’s hope
  • Christ’s redemption of creation
    – Genesis 9:8-16; Colossians 1:15-20; Ephesians 1:7-10; Acts 3:21
  • The inheritance
    – Psalm 37:29; Matthew 5:5
  • Creation groans
Our Hope (Romans 8:18-25)

The glory to be revealed

- The believers’ longing (8:23-25)
  - Firstfruits of the Spirit
    - Exodus 23:19; Leviticus 23:9-14; Ephesians 1:14
  - Adoption as sons
    - Redemption of our bodies (8:23)
  - Hope
    - Saved in hope (8:24)
  - We groan inwardly
    - Romans 12:12 – rejoice in hope; patience in tribulation; constant in prayer
Our Help (Romans 8:26-37)

- Holy Spirit
  - Helps us in our weakness
    - Suffering
    - Groaning
  - Holy Spirit prays for us
    - Knows the things of God (1 Corinthians 2:11-12)
    - Prays according to the will of God
  - Groanings of the Holy Spirit
Our Help (Romans 8:26-37)

- God the Father
  - Distinguished from the Spirit (8:27) and the Son (8:29)
  - The purpose of God is good
    - Colossians 1:18-20; Ephesians 1:9-10
  - The plan of God – called according to His purpose
    - Foreknew, predestined
    - Called
    - Justified, glorified
  - Conformed to the image of Christ
  - Firstborn among many brethren
Our Help (Romans 8:26-37)

- Jesus Christ
  - Not condemn, but justify by His death
  - Raised to right hand of God and makes intercession for us
  - No separation by suffering
  - We are more than conquerors in suffering
  - Hebrews 12:1-2 – the joy set before Him
A Sure Hope (Romans 8:38-39)

- No separation from love of God – life, death, angels, rulers, powers, things present, things to come, height, depth – absolutely nothing
- Love of God in Christ Jesus
The Love of God in Christ Jesus

- Justified by His death
- Sanctified by our union with Him
- Glorified by His love