



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 10th February 2019

Series- Greatest Letter ever written? prt 1

Set apart for the Gospel

1 Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God— 2 the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures 3 regarding his Son. (Romans 1:1-3a)

1. Set apart for the gospel of God. (Romans 1:1-7)

2. A look at the set apart life. (Romans 1:8-17)

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Romans 1:1-7. What does it say about Paul's identity? What does it say about the gospel?
2. Read Romans 1:1-7. What definition does it give of the gospel?
3. Read Romans 1:8-10. What does this section reveal about Pauls' prayer life?
4. Read Romans 1:11-17. How does this section express Pauls' longing for the Roman church?
5. Read Romans 1:16-17. How does Paul view the gospel and how do these verses serve as a motto for how Paul lived his life?

B. Meditation & application

6. How does Paul's prayer life revealed here, speak to you about how you can express your partnership with God in prayer for the church and its various ministries?
7. What does Pauls' self perception as a slave of Christ, called by God and designated an apostle, reveal about him, and is it readily transferable to us? To what degree? How might we live these labels out in our lives?
8. Why did Paul want to go to Rome? (vs13-14) What does this reveal about him and how does it challenge us?
9. Spend some time in meditation on Romans 1:16-17. Read, re-read- dare I say: memorize it. What would it look like for you to be unashamed of the gospel? Does your behavior demonstrate that you believe that the Gospel has power? Marcus said that the gospel is the story of Jesus and not four spiritual laws or some algorithm that explains how a holy God can draw near to sinful humanity? What do you think about that? What would be your "handle for describing the gospel? Do you think and act like the Jesus story has power?

Prayer: Heavenly Father; we thank you for the way that you called Paul out of persecution into apostleship. We thank you that a passion for the gospel drove his whole lifestyle and shaped his behavior. We ask that your Spirit might convince us of the power of the gospel. Help us to live bold and unashamed lives that point relentlessly toward Jesus. In His name- Amen