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Romans 1- 5  
Romans #32

## “The State of the Gospel Part II”

As we prepare to begin our study again in Romans with chapter six, I thought it would be good to review chapters one through five.

- I. The motivation for the gospel. Romans 1: 16-17
- II. The message of the gospel.
  - A. The bad news.

The bad news is summarized in Romans 3:23 “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” The state of man in one word is “bad.”

- B. The good news.

The good news is the gospel. What is the gospel? I Corinthians 15: 1 “I declare to you the gospel...”

Verses 3-5 “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas (Peter), then by the twelve.”

He goes on in verses 6-8 to tell he was seen by over 500, by James and by himself.

This gospel is also here in Romans 3-4-5.

1. The gospel is that Jesus died for us.

Romans 3: 24 - “through the redemption” Redemption is the language of the marketplace we are bought with a price.

Romans 3:25 “to be a propitiation by His blood”

Romans 5: 6 “In due time, Christ died for the ungodly”

Romans 5:8-9 “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”

Note, Jesus died “for us.”

Jesus died as our mercy seat “propitiation.” According to Exodus 25: 17-22, there were some unique features of the mercy seat:

- The purity of the mercy seat – it was gold speaks of the purity of Jesus Christ. He did not become a sinner, but rather our sins were placed on Him.
- The protection of the mercy seat – it had angels watching over it speaking of the holiness of the mercy seat.
- The preeminence of the mercy seat – it was placed over the tables containing the ten commandments. Jesus supersedes the law.
- The promise of the mercy seat – God promised to “meet them there.” Through Jesus, God has met us. Jesus promises to forgive our sin.
- The position of the mercy seat. It was only accessible behind the veil where only the high priest could go once a year and they could never go without blood. We are free to go into the presence of God because of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 9:22-26 tells us that Jesus is our mercy seat in Heaven.

2. The gospel is that Jesus rose again.

Romans 4:24 “Who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead...”

Romans 5:10 “For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.”

The resurrection of Jesus is the defining act of Christianity.

3. The gospel is that faith alone saves us.

This salvation is in a person...Jesus Christ.

Romans 3:24 “is in Christ Jesus”

Romans 3:26 “that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus Christ.”

Romans 3:27 “that a man is justified by faith”

Romans 3: 30 “through faith”

Romans 4:5 “But to him who does not work but believes on Him...”

Romans 4: 16 “Therefore it is of faith, that it might be according to grace...”

Romans 4:24 “It shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was delivered up because of our offenses and was raised because of our justification.”

Romans 5:1 “Having been justified by faith, we have peace.”

Romans 5:12-21 he compares that through one man – Adam – death, sin and condemnation entered into the world and through whom we are all sinners; but through the second Adam – Jesus – brings life, righteousness and justification..

The gracious nature of the gospel should give us confidence. If our salvation was based on our actions - what we have done - that would not be reason for confidence. If, however, it is based on what God has done now there is a basis for confidence!

Faith is more than knowledge or agreeing; it is trusting.

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