

# The Obedience of Faith

Romans 1:1-6

# The Epistle to the Romans

- Paul:
  - converted around 36 A.D.
  - wrote this letter around 20 years later
- no book details the gospel as systematically

# “The Romans Road”

1. recognizing the depravity of the sinful world
2. realizing God's judgment on sin
3. forgiveness
4. justification
5. salvation (more than just reconciliation)
6. dead to sin and alive to God
7. dead to the Law, but conflict in the flesh
8. being led by the Spirit
9. salvation must be by faith beginning in God

# “The Romans Road”

10. the word of Christ produces faith
11. all things from God, through God, and to God
12. conduct toward fellow-believers
13. conduct toward earthly authorities
14. principles of conscience
15. acceptance and support of others in the Body
16. the final triumph of the believer over Satan

*(Romans 16:20) You know the gospel is at work in you if Satan is defeated under your feet constantly, area by area, by God's power until he is completely crushed under your feet*

# The Theme of Romans

- (Romans 1:1-3) “the gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus, which was promised in the Old Testament”
- this is the only true gospel; everything else is a counterfeit
- unique phrase which never occurs anywhere else in the Bible, used as a marker to set the context (introduction and conclusion) of this epistle...

# The True Gospel

- (Romans 1:5, 16:26) “the obedience of faith”
- *proof that the real gospel is at work in our lives is that we experience the obedience of faith*
- *many people preach “obedience”*
- *the Bible is very exact, in identifying what kind of obedience is the obedience of Christ*

# Faith

- “obedience of faith” begins with faith
- what is faith?: claiming and experiencing *God’s* Will in our lives
- why faith?: (Hebrews 11:6) God takes pleasure in seeing His Will played out in our lives
- what do we have faith about?: (Hebrews 11:1) not what you *can* see, but what you *cannot* see
- how do we get faith?: (Romans 10:17) hearing the word of Christ

# The Basis of Faith

1. Jesus is the Son of God, as proved powerfully by God's raising Him from the dead (Romans 1:4, I John 4:15); therefore He is our *Redeemer*
2. Jesus was the Son of Man who came in flesh like us (Romans 1:3b, Hebrews 4:15, I John 4:2-3); therefore He is our *Forerunner*
3. God's promises – about things we cannot see – e.g.: I Corinthians 10:13, II Corinthians 12:9, Romans 8:28, Philippians 1:6

# Counterfeit Obedience

- obedience of the body: selfishness
- obedience of the soul: feelings
- obedience of the mind: intellect
- obedience of the Law: legalism

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- Romans 1:6, 16:27
- brings glory to God alone