



Sunday Sermon Discussion Outline

Pastor Philip Thomas, June 27, 2021

Romans 1:1-6 – Defined by the Gospel

We Learn:

The predominant theme of Paul's letter to the Romans is the gospel. Paul opens his letter stating that he is a slave of Christ because of the transforming power of the gospel, that he has been called as a messenger of the gospel, and that he is set apart to fulfill the specific purpose and plan of God for the sake of the gospel. Throughout the book of Romans, Paul lays out how gospel believers can live out gospel truths. The gospel defines who we are.

- What does the word "gospel" mean? Why is it considered a shorthand reference to a comprehensive plan of God for all humanity?
- How is the gospel relevant for all areas of our life? What does it mean for us to "live out the gospel"?
- What are the three ways in which Paul identifies himself in Romans 1:1? How is this relevant for our lives?
- How does the gospel define the Church?
- How does the gospel define who Jesus is, what he did, and how we relate to him?

We Respond & Apply:

- How should we respond to the gospel message?
- Why is it important for us to live in obedience that comes from faith (Romans 5:5)?
- How can we all others to respond to the gospel, to live in obedience to Jesus?