

INTRODUCTION

- * Exactly one year ago, on the 1st Sunday of Advent, we began a series on the Gospel of Mark - considering the Message, Ministry and Mediation of our Lord Jesus Christ
- * Last week, we finished our series on the book of Leviticus. A book containing some of the laws given by God through Moses to His children Israel.
- * Today, we begin a new journey into Paul's letter to the church of Rome.
- * Many would state that this Epistle would be the New Testament counterbalance to the Mosaic Law - the epic legal document providing the foundation for the transition from law to grace. However, I believe we will discover that God's plan salvation all along has been an offering of grace to be received through faith ... and that the "law" was given primarily to protect and instruct us by our loving, benevolent Heavenly Father.
- * Paul begins this epistle as he does many of his epistles with a theologically profound greeting - not one to be lightly skipped over.
- * Hence, today we will consider the important implications of Paul's salutation.

INSTRUCTION

I. THE INTENTION

A. The Address (v. 1, 8-12)

1. HIS SALUTATION:
2. HIS CALLING:
 - a. CALLED TO _____
 - b. SALUTED TO _____
3. HIS DEEDS:
 - a. In His Prayer for Them
 - b. In His Prayer with Them

B. The Reason (v. 7)

1. THEIR CALLING (v. 7)
2. THEIR TESTIMONY (v. 8)

II. THE INTENTION (v. 2-6)

A. Promised Through The Prophets

B. Born of the Seed of David According to the Flesh

1. HIS BIRTH (cf. Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 10:25)
2. HIS LIFE (cf. II Samuel 7:16; Psalm 89:3; Jeremiah 23:5; Luke 3:23,31)
3. HIS NAME (cf. John 1:1, 3, 14; Hebrews 10:25; I John 4:2)

C. Declared To Be The Son of God (cf. I Timothy 3:16; Philippians 2:6; Romans 9:5)

1. THE MEANING OF DECLARATION
2. THE CONFIRMATION OF THE DECLARATION

INTROSPECTION

- * WHO IS CHRIST TO YOU?
DO YOU TRULY BELIEVE THAT GOD BECAME FLESH AND DIED FOR YOUR SINS?
- * HAVE YOU ACCEPTED CHRIST'S SACRIFICE FOR YOUR SINS?
IF SO, YOU ARE "CALLED TO BE SET-APART." ARE YOU LIVING ACCORDING TO YOUR CALLING?
- * WHAT KIND OF A TESTIMONY IS BEING BROADCASTED ABOUT YOU?
DO PEOPLE TALK ABOUT YOUR FAITH AND REFLECTION OF CHRIST?
- * IS THERE A NEED TO "CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK"?