

Date: **October 17, 2021**

Title: **Confidence in the Gospel**

Scripture Text: [Romans 1:1-7](#)

In today's culture, we are bombarded with information. Twenty-four-hour news channels, umpteen social media sites, assertions of "fake news", biased media coverage, etc. We are in information overload, and it's hard to know what is true and what is not. It is challenging to have a clear picture of current events! But in today's message, we see that there is news we can trust, the good news of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (i.e., the Gospel)! The first chapter of Romans describes how we can have 'Confidence in the Gospel' ([Rom. 1:16](#))!!

I. The Gospel is God's Good New ([Romans 1:1](#))

The term *gospel* means 'good news'. The source of the gospel message is God. God wants a relationship with His people and the gospel message says there is a way for us to have that relationship with Him. God established the means by which we can know Him. God is the source of the gospel. To have that relationship with Him, we must submit to the means He provides.

- **Why was there a need for a 'means' for us to have a relationship with God?**
- **Why is it important to understand the source of the gospel?**

II. The Gospel is God's Promise ([Romans 1:2-3](#))

The gospel message didn't originate in the New Testament. All of scripture points to the story of Jesus Christ and it is God's promise of how His relationship with us can be restored. Jesus states in [Matt. 5:17](#) that He didn't come to abolish what had been written, but to fulfill (complete) it. Prophecies such as [Gen. 3:15](#), [Jer. 33:14-16](#) and [Is. 53:5-6](#) all foretell of a coming Savior. The fulfillment of these prophecies shows God, and His word are trustworthy. We can depend on it!!

- **Can you think of other Old Testament references that describe Jesus Christ?**
- **Why is it important to recognize the gospel is woven throughout the entire Bible?**
 - **How can this change how you view and read the Old Testament?**

III. The Gospel is All About Jesus ([Romans 1:3-5](#))

The core of the gospel is Jesus Christ! It is all about Him, and what He did to establish a way for us to have a relationship with God. Jesus is the Messiah (Savior). He completes all the prophecies about Him in the Old Testament. He was the only perfect (sinless) sacrifice as described in the New Testament and He has risen from the grave.

- **What is the relevance in [verse 3](#) when Paul mentions that Jesus Christ was a descendent of David?**
- **In many of the epistles written by Paul, Peter and John, concern is expressed of false teachers who were adding to or perverting the gospel. Can you think of examples? Why is it important that the gospel is solely about Jesus and His redemptive work?**
- **Describe what Jesus did that makes this good news.**

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IV. The Gospel is Available for Everyone ([Romans 1:5-6](#))

Paul recognized that it was by the power of Jesus Christ that he was called to share the gospel with others which included ALL the Gentiles. The gospel isn't just for Jews, or other special groups of individuals, but for all ([John 3:16](#)). Paul gets personal in [verse 6](#), specifically calling out "you", his readers. Not that they were worthy or had done something to deserve it, but anyone can receive the gospel freely by faith.

- **Why do people at times feel they need to 'clean up their life' before accepting God's gift of salvation?**
- **Paul saw it as part of his calling to share the gospel with others. Why is it important for us to also see that as part of our calling?**
- **What can you do to be more comfortable sharing the gospel with others?**

V. The Gospel Changes All Who Believe ([Romans 1:7](#))

Those who accept God's gift of salvation, encounter His grace and peace. Grace is what we receive, and peace is what we experience. As a result, we are changed from the inside out. Our thoughts, desires and actions are all affected by the grace and peace we experience through the gospel. Our relationship with God is restored and we follow Him through a life of obedience to His word.

- **In [verse 7](#), Paul refers to the Roman Christians as those 'loved by God'. What does it mean to you to know you are loved by God?**
- **How does remembering that God loves you motivate you to obey His word?**
- **Can you share a time when you experienced God's peace?**

Pause and thank God for His gospel and its impact on your life. Ask Him to show you who you can share the gospel with and the courage to do so.