

The Promise and the Person of the Good News

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Romans 1:1-7.
- B. In every man, there is a God-shaped vacuum.
- C. The basic problem is that man invents God because he cannot "get out of his box."
- D. The good news of Christianity is that God has invaded man's "box." (I Corinthians 2:2, 9:23)
- E. The good news is that God sent Jesus Christ.

II. Paul is a bondservant of Christ and a sent one.

- A. He was consumed with serving Christ.
- B. He was single-minded in the ministry.

III. The good news is something that was promised.

- A. Although Paul is accused of being anti-Jewish, his gospel was grounded in the Old Testament.
- B. The Old Testament is loaded with Messianic promises.
- C. Jesus came with new revelation connected with the old. (Matthew 5:17, Jeremiah 31, Ezekiel 35-36)
- D. Jesus said that the Old Testament Scriptures testified to Him. (John 5:39, Genesis 3:15, Malachi 4:2, Romans 7:12)

IV. The good news centers on a Person.

- A. It is all about Christ.
- B. Jesus is fully God--He is the Son of God. (Romans 9:5, Colossians 2)
- C. Jesus is eternal--He has always existed. (Hebrews 1:5, Psalm 2)
- D. Jesus humbled Himself to the role of service before the Father. (John 17:5)
- E. Jesus is the Son of David who had the right to reign. (II Samuel 7, Psalm 89, Isaiah 11, Jeremiah 23, 33, Ezekiel 33, 37)
- F. Jesus had become a man who could represent man.
- G. Those who deny that Jesus is from God are the antichrist. (I John 4:2)

H. Resurrection proves that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. (Acts 13:33)

Application questions:

1. Why were accusations against Paul that he had an anti-Jewish gospel false?

2. Why is getting Jesus right important to getting the gospel right?

3. What bearing does the resurrection have on Jesus being God's Son? Explain.
