**Sermon Series:**

***How Did We Get Here?***

*(a verse-by-verse study of Romans 1, 2)*

**First Things First** *(Part 1)*

**Romans 1:16-18**

The societal changes that we have witnessed over the past two decades have not only been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ - but they have also been \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for those who love righteousness.

As disturbing as these two chapters may be, what they ultimately point to is the most important and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ message that man can ever hear.

These chapters are ***critically important*** for at least ***4*** reasons**:**

***1)*** *They show us the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the entire human race.*

***2)*** *They explain \_\_\_\_\_ things are the way they are today.*

***3)*** *They show us why things will \_\_\_\_\_\_ improve.*

***4)*** *They show us the absolute necessity of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

***3* massively important truths are presented in these verses:**

1. *The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God**(v 16****;*** *1:1)****;*** ***2)*** *The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God**(v 17)****;***

***3)*** *The\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God**(v 18).*

It’s critical that we get a handle on these **2** chapters because our eternal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ depends upon it!

**I. The Of God**

**v 16** - “For I am not ashamed ***of the Gospel***, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew firstand also to the Greek.”

Whatever else the book of Romans is all about, it is first and foremost all about the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Greek word that is translated ***“gospel”*** is a word that literally means “\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ or good tidings.”

***Essentially, the Gospel is all about the and of Jesus Christ.***

In **v 16**, Paul gives us ***3*** ***reasons*** why the Gospel is the greatest ‘good news’ that anyone can ever hear**:**

**A.** **It Displays God’s Sovereign** .

**v 16** - “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, ***for it is the power of God***...”

The word translated “***power***” comes from the Greek word ***dunamis***, which is the word from which we get our English word \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The Gospel is God’s power that is targeted to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ our sin problem.

Nowhere is the power of God more \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ than when He takes a lost sinner, saves him by His grace, and makes him a brand-new creation.

**I Timothy 1:12-15; I Peter 1:3; I Corinthians 1:18, 2:4-5; I Thessalonians 1:5**

Every life that has been redeemed by the Gospel, is a life that has been forever \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Conclusion:**

***The Gospel is the power of God through the Holy Spirit which convicts the*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_****, transforms the*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_****, and saves the*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_****!***

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