

LESSON 4
ROMANS 1:2-4
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Romans 1:1 "Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, 2 which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, 4 who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, 5 through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for His name's sake, 6 among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ; 7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."

"... set apart for the gospel of God, ..."

This gospel for which the apostle Paul was set apart to preach IS God the Father's gospel. IT IS GOD THE FATHER WHO ¹CHOSE a people for His own possession, ²TO GIVE them His Mercy and Grace; ³SETTING HIS ETERNAL LOVE upon them before the foundation of the world by the kind intention of His will (Ephesians 1; though all those He chose are justly worthy of His wrath and not worthy of His Mercy, Grace and Love); AND ⁴WROTE THEIR NAMES IN THE LAMB'S BOOK OF LIFE at the moment He chose them (Rev 13:8, "All who dwell on the earth will worship him (the beast and Satan), everyone whose name HAS NOT BEEN WRITTEN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain."); AND ⁵SENT His Only Begotten Son - the Lord Jesus Christ to accomplish everything necessary for their salvation and for the purpose of conforming them to Christ own image thereby making them, all those the Father would give to His Christ, true sons of God! This is the "**Eternal Covenant**" that was agreed upon by God the Father, Jesus Christ His Son and the Holy Spirit of God in eternity past before Creation!!! IT IS GOD THE

FATHER'S GOSPEL that the apostle Paul was set apart by the Father to preach!!!

"... which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, 3 concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, "

It is God the Father Who promised beforehand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures the coming of His Son – the Messiah [(Attached is a list of 44 major Messianic prophecies given by the prophets concerning Jesus our Lord). Matthew 1:16, "Jacob was the father of Joseph the husband of Mary, by whom Jesus was born, who is called the Messiah. 17 So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations; from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations; and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations." - "who was born of a descendant of David", Matthew 1:1, "The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham: ...". Jesus said, John 5:39, "You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; ..."; Luke 24:27, (Jesus explaining to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus after His resurrection) "Then beginning with Moses and with ALL the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in ALL the Scriptures." ALL of Scripture is "concerning His Son". (God the Father literally spoke from heaven two different times during Jesus' life here on earth declaring that Jesus was His Beloved Son: Once at Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist - **Matthew 3:17; Mark 1:11 and Luke 3:22**. Again at the mount of transfiguration on top of the Holy mountain - **Matthew 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35** and **2 Peter 1:16**, "For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty. 17 For when He received honor and glory from God the Father, such an utterance as this was made to Him by the Majestic Glory, "This is My beloved Son with whom I am well-

pleased"— 18 and we ourselves heard this utterance made from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.")

The Prophets spoke very clearly, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, throughout the Old Testament Scriptures about the Messiah Who was to come. (2 Peter 1:20, "But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, 21 for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God." - why Paul says, "in the holy Scriptures"; Also, 2 Timothy 3:15,16 - says Scriptures are literally "God Breathed").

God the Father would send the Messiah to them ("The Israel of God") at that time that He had appointed - Act 4:27, "For truly in this city there were gathered together against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, 28 to do whatever Your hand and Your purpose PREDESTINED to occur." Also, Galatians 4:4, "But when the fullness of the time came, GOD SENT FORTH HIS SON, born of a woman ("... according to the flesh ..." - Jesus became a human being - God in the flesh. Through Mary Jesus clothed Himself with human flesh), born under the Law, 5 so that He (Christ) might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons." ("those"- the "Israel of God" both Jew and Gentile - ALL who are born again by the Holy Spirit of God. Galatians 3:7-9, 26-29; 6:14-16; Romans 2:8-9; Hebrews 8:9-10)

"... who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord, ..."

Jesus Christ was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead:

Who in the history of the world ever raised themselves from the dead?

What kind of power do you need to have in your being to raise your own dead body without any life in it from the Grave after being in the grave for 3 days? No one else throughout all history has done that except for Jesus

Christ the Son of God and having done that He proved Himself to be the Son of God!!! He raise His dead body from death to life ["according to the Spirit of holiness"](#) - that is the Holy Spirit of God!!! The Spirit of God is the only Spirit that is perfectly Holy and without any imperfections or sin!!! That is why He is called "Holy Spirit". Christ was raised from the dead in the power of the Holy Spirit. Rom 8:11a, "But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, ..." Everything that Jesus accomplished as a man was done by the power of the Holy Spirit, including Him raising Himself from the dead (Philippians 2:6-7). That is why He had to be filled with the Holy Spirit when He was baptized by John the Baptist and BEFORE ¹going into the Wilderness to be tempted by Satan, and BEFORE ²beginning His 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years of ministry. Remember, the Father is God, Jesus is God and the Holy Spirit is God - three persons but the only one God we Worship and serve. Westminster Confession of Faith Chapter 2 section 3, "In the unity of the Godhead there be three persons, of one substance, power and eternity: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Ghost: the Father is of none, neither begotten, nor proceeding; the Son eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son." Remember - God the Father, Jesus Christ the Son and the Holy Spirit are 3 different persons distinct and separate from each other but ARE INSEPARABLY ONE IN UNITY of thought, word and deed!!! What one thinks, the other two think exactly the same thing; what one says the other two say exactly the same thing; and, what one is doing the other two are doing exactly the same thing. Three different persons yet one God; equal in substance, equal in power, equal in glory and equal in eternity. When Jesus was resurrected from the dead ["according to the Spirit of holiness"](#), He and the Father were raising His body from the grave. Remember Jesus' own words: John 5:19, "Therefore Jesus answered and was saying to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner." And, John 12:49, "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak." John 14:10 "Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works." AND, John 10:30, "I and the Father are one." One God - three different, individually distinct persons!!!