

# Sermon Supplement from October 13

## Gospel Transformation – Romans 1:1

### WARM UP

- What are your thoughts and impressions as we prepare to “climb Mt. Everest” in studying the book of Romans?

### DIG IN – Romans 1:1

#### **1:1a – Transformed *BY* the Gospel**

- What do you learn about gospel transformation from the life of Paul? (See Acts 8-9; Phil 3:5ff)
- What do you find significant about Paul’s self-designation as a “*servant (slave) of Christ Jesus*?” What does that tell you about his mindset?
- What encouragement do you get from knowing that God has designed you to do exactly what He has prepared for you to do?
- What does Paul teach us about how Jesus can redeem our past for His good purposes?
- What do you think about the statement, “*There’s no such thing as a boring testimony*”?

#### **1:1b – Transformed *FOR* the Gospel**

- Why is it important to understand that Paul was called by God to the office of Apostle? Why is it important to understand that office to be unique to a few men in the New Testament?
- The word “gospel” was a common term in the first century. Talk about the different ways it was used by non-Christians and Christians. Why is that distinction important?
- What are some of the other places people look for “good news” (hope, happiness, peace, fulfillment) today?
- Why do you think Paul calls it “the gospel OF GOD?” What distinctions is he making? What are the implications for our lives?

### WRAP UP

- *How has the gospel transformed what you were OR what you would have been?*
- *How does God’s work in you motivate you to take His good news to a bad news world?*

### *For Next Week*

- Read through the whole book of Romans and jot down your impressions.
- Read an introduction to Romans in a study Bible, Bible dictionary, and/or commentary.
- Read Romans 1:1-7 several times and summarize the big idea in your own words.

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## Resources for Further Study

### Commentaries

- [Message of Romans Bible Speaks Today Commentaries](#), John Stott
- [Romans MacArthur New Testament Commentary: \(vol 1&2\)](#), John MacArthur
- [Romans: Righteousness From Heaven Preaching the Word Commentaries](#), R. Kent Hughes.
- [Romans Tyndale New Testament Commentary](#), F.F. Bruce
- [Romans \(2<sup>nd</sup> Edition 2018\) New International Commentary New Testament](#), Douglas Moo

### Study Guides

- “Romans” Lifechange Bible Studies: by The Navigators
- “Romans Becoming New in Christ” by Jack Kuhatschek; Lifeguide Bible Studies
- “Romans: Grace, Truth, and Redemption” (MacArthur Bible Studies)
- “Romans” Knowing the Bible Series

### Online Sermon Series

- John MacArthur: [gty.org](http://gty.org)
- John Piper: [desiringgod.org](http://desiringgod.org)
- Martyn Lloyd Jones: [mljtrust.org](http://mljtrust.org)