

Sermon Supplement from November 3

Good News You Can Be Proud Of – Romans 1:16-17

WARM UP

- What's the best news you have heard lately (*not necessarily spiritual*)? Why is it important to you? What makes you proud to share it?

DIG IN

Read Romans 1:16-17 and consider the following:

- What are some things that make the gospel “shameful” in our culture? What are things that might tempt you to be embarrassed or ashamed to identify with Jesus or share the gospel?
- The text gives us at least 4 reasons to be proud of the gospel. Explain those in your own words.
- What was Paul getting at in calling the gospel “*the power of God*”? In what ways does the good news of Jesus contain all the power of the all-powerful God?
- We sell short the word “*salvation*” when we only use it to refer to the moment when someone “got saved”. Talk about how Jesus saves us FROM the Penalty, Power and Presence of sin and saves us FOR new identity, hope, peace, victory, purpose, good works, and most importantly WORSHIP.
- How do the words “*to everyone who believes*” help you confidently propose the gospel?
- What does verse 17 teach about how to become right with God?
- Two types of righteousness were discussed in the sermon – obtained righteousness (works-based) and received righteousness (grace-based). Discuss the differences between the two, including the dangers of obtained righteousness and the merits of received righteousness.
- Why is it important that we understand that faith is not just the way IN but the way ON in the Christian life?

WRAP UP

- If you are not a Christian: Do you believe the gospel? Are you ready to receive the gospel?
- If you are a Christian: Are you proud of the gospel? Are you placing your confidence and hope in the gospel? Are you daily living out the gospel?

For Next Week

- Read Romans 1:18-24 several times preferably in different translations.
- Summarize the big idea of the passage in your own words.
- What are the sins identified in this passage? How do you see these at work today?
- What are the warnings in this passage?

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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: Life Application Bible Commentary](#); Bruce Barton
- [Romans Tyndale New Testament Commentary](#); F.F. Bruce
- [Romans \(2nd Ed. 2018\) 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
- John Piper: desiringgod.org
- Martyn Lloyd Jones: mljtrust.org