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The Purpose of the Gospel, Part 2 Romans 1:5-7

I. The Substantial Intent of the Gospel: To Glorify God Among All Nations (v. 5)

- A. Grace and apostleship (v. 5a)
- B. Obedience of faith (v. 5b)
- C. For the sake of His name among all the nations (v. 5)

II. The Specific Inclusion of the Gospel: To Save Those Called From Eternity Past (v. 6)

- A. _____ call
 1. This calling is a _____ call for the elect (Rom. 8:29-30; Eph. 1:4-5; 2 Tim. 1:9)
 2. This calling is an _____ call for your soul (Jn. 3:5-6; Ezek. 23:26; Matt. 23:25-29; Isa. 29:13)
 3. This calling is _____ effective (Jn. 6:44; 21:6; Acts 16:19; 21:30; Jms. 2:6)

- A. _____ call
 1. An explanation of the _____ concerning salvation (Gen. 1:1; Isa. 6:3; Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 5:8)
 2. An invitation to _____ to Christ personally in repentance and faith (Matt. 11:28-30; Lk. 24:47; Acts 2:37-38)
 3. A promise of forgiveness and eternal life for all who _____ (Jn. 1:12; 3:16; 6:27; Acts 3:19; 17:30)

III. The Successful Impact of the Gospel: To Radically Transform People (v. 7)

- A. _____ by God (v. 7a) [Jn. 3:16; Matt. 5:44-45; Rom. 8:35-39]
- B. Called to be _____ (v. 7b) [1 Cor. 3:16-17; 1 Pet. 2:5, 9]
- C. _____ of grace and peace (v. 7c) [Num. 6:24-26; Gal. 1:1-4; Eph. 1:1-3; Col. 1:1-2; 1 Tim. 1:1-2; 2 Tim. 1:1-2; Titus 1:4]

TAKE HOME:

- How does understanding the _____ between the effective call and the general call aid you in your evangelism?
- How has this message helped you better _____ what it means to be loved by God?
- Do you _____ of yourself more as a saint or as a sinner? How will your view shape how you live?

STUDY QUESTIONS

James 1:22 says, *“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”* These questions are designed to help you apply today’s message to your life. We encourage you to thoughtfully answer these questions and discuss your answers with others. For more information about joining a small group that uses these questions as the basis for discussion, prayer, and accountability, please visit our website at placiritachurch.com.

1. Read Romans 5. Briefly reflect on what we learned from this verse last week. What was your main takeaway from verse 5? Why does that matter?

2. Read Romans 1:6. What is the effective call? How do we see that this call is particular for the elect? (Rom. 8:29-30; Eph. 1:4-5; 2 Tim. 1:9)

3. When we think about the effective call being an internal call which is always effective, what does that mean? Where do we see this taught in Scripture? How does this impact you as a believer? (Jn. 3:5-6; Ezek. 23:26; Matt. 23:25-29; Isa. 29:13; Jn. 6:44; 21:6; Acts 16:19; 21:30; Jms. 2:6)

4. What is the general call? Why is it important for you to explain all the facts of the gospel? What are those facts? (Gen. 1:1; Isa. 6:3; Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 5:8)

5. How do you give the general call to others as an invitation to respond in repentance and faith? (Matt. 11:28-30; Lk. 24:47; Acts 2:37-38) How do you stress that it is a promise to all who believe? (Jn. 1:12; 3:16; 6:27; Acts 3:19; 17:30)

6. Read Acts 1:7. Which one of these three sub-points on this verse helps you best see the successful impact of the gospel? Are you a saint or a sinner? Please explain.

7. Read the take home questions. Which one challenges you or encourages you the most? Why? How will you live your life differently this week based on what you have learned from this passage?

“By this inner or effective call is meant that operation of the Holy Spirit whereby he so applies the gospel to the minds and hearts of sinners that they become aware of their guilt, begin to understand their need for Jesus Christ, and embrace him as their Lord and Savior.”

- William Hendriksen, *Romans New Testament Commentary*