

Lead Me to the Cross

Sin's invasion into God's world is a problem for us all. A problem that God, through Christ, solved on the cross of Calvary. Paul uses the Greek noun sin 45 times in Romans compared to only 4 times in his other letters. Paul is reminding the Roman readers that all people are under sin as he uses an image of the bondage of slavery that holds us captive to these ways leading us to death. In this series, which leads us up to and into Easter, we see how great our need for a Saviour is by seeing how lost we are without Him. We then celebrate that Christ has made a way for us to find victory and freedom from the power of sin and death to instead be bonded to Christ's power of life and righteousness.

Beginning the Journey

March 5, 2023 | Romans 1:16-17

God's power springs to life when we faithfully proclaim who Jesus is. The Gospel is the Good News about Jesus; that Jesus is alive and that we can be made alive through faith in Him.



An illustration of Romans 1:16-17 (adapted from Douglas J. Moo, EBS Commentary):

Paul is not ashamed of the **Gospel**

- > because the power of God for **salvation** is revealed in it (a salvation available to everyone)
- > because the **righteousness** of God is revealed in it (a righteousness based on faith)

Why should we be so eager to proclaim the Good News of Jesus? The Gospel [the Good News about Jesus]:

- removes our sin
- reconciles our separation
- reveals our salvation (Romans 8:14)

Reflect + Apply

How would you explain the Gospel? Has today's passage brought clarity and/or new questions for you?

Why do we struggle to proclaim the Gospel, yet Paul saw this as the way that God's power is manifested in the world? How can Paul's words encourage us today?

Pray: that God would give us Paul's vision for the Gospel and that He would prepare our hearts for the rest of this series, as we look towards Easter.

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