

INTRODUCTION

1. Conclude 3-part overview of Rm 1. All men are recipients of revelation.
 - i. wrath [1:18] due to idolatry [1:25]: present & future
 - ii. idolatry is sin against God as Creator - 1:19-20
 - iii. gospel = 3rd revelation given to men - 1:15-17
2. Revelation : objectively given & subjectively received.
 - i. Wrath: objective - judicial abandon; subjective - we condemn others
 - ii. Creation: objective - God as Creator; subjective - w/o excuse
 - iii. Idolatry: 1:25 exchange truth of God for lie & worship creation.

1st: Revelation of God's Gospel: Considered Objectively

1. Gospel = news, proclaimed. Begin w/ information.
2. Rm1:1-7 Apostle entrusted w/ *gospel of God*: objective Biblical content w/ God-intended purpose.
3. v9 *gospel of His Son* - [v8-14 - church in Rome = partner in gospel].
4. v15-17 - preach gospel: objective content: *righteousness of God is revealed*
 - i. *righteousness of God* - justification [Rm 3-5]. The righteousness of Jesus wh/ is imputed to believer - our righteous legal standing in Christ
 - ii. Rm 3:21-22 v21: Jesus. v22: believers. v23-24 *justified by grace*
 - a. substance of justification is objective: Jesus' obedience
 - b. personal legal standing is objective: X *our righteousness* [Jer 23:6]
 - iii. 1:17 - *the righteousness of God is revealed* = declare objective content of gospel concerning the person & work of the Biblical Jesus.
5. 1C15:1-8 gospel [noun: *euaggelion*] preached is verb [*euaggelidzomai*] & when believed, it produces gospel realities - Rm 6:22
 - i. subjective: *benefit* ['fruit'] -> *sanctification* [personal & corporate holiness] w/ an end in view: *outcome* -> *eternal life* [glorif - Rm 8]
 - ii. Gospel objectively defines our subjective salvation.

2nd: Revelation of God's Gospel: Considered Subjectively

1. The subjects - believers - receivers of gospel [v6, 7, 17]. When gospel is subjectively believed, the believer is defined objectively by Scripture. They all bear fruit - objectively evident. They live the Xn life.
2. Rm 3:21-26 - v21-22 revelation of Scripture re: Jesus; v23-26 given by grace to faith in Christ - 5:1-2. Further explained in rest of Rm 5.
3. 3 aspects to "faith" [LBC 14:2, p677]: 1] Knowledge of gospel information; 2] agreement w/ information; 3] trust: personal, whole-souled trust in Jesus.
 - i. result of sovereign work of the Spirit: 'so is enabled' - life: regeneration
 - ii. personal trust -> fruit: 'acteth differently' in response to Word of God.

Applic #1: Reception of Natural Revelation Does Not Make Men Christian

1. Pagan societies differ - common grace - presence of creation ordinances.
2. US Declaration of Independence acknowledged Creator. Societal embrace of creation ordinances is good, but does not make a "Christian nation".
3. Common grace is the best cultural context for gospel proclamation.

Applic #2: We Have Been Given All Three Kinds of Revelation

1. The revelation of present wrath = context for proclamation of gospel.
2. A13 - v16, 26, 38 gospel has come to us!

Applic #3: We Have Been Given Stewardship of the Gospel

1. Rm 10:11-15; 2C5:18-21 How will your family, friends hear gospel?
2. Rm 16:25-27