

The Promised Gospel

Romans 1.2

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Introduction

There is only one gospel. It is the promised gospel. Promised in earlier days, manifested in Paul's day, still every bit as valid and definitive in our day.

1. Which - ὁ, relative pronoun; which, the one; Gal 1.6-12

- Continuity of grammar & topic

2. He – 3rd person ending, refers to θεοῦ, God in verse 1; 1Pt 3.18; 2Cor 3.18, 4.4-6

- Continuity of person

3. promised before – προεπηγγείλατο, to assert unto action long before; Gal 3.8 (Gn 12.3)

- Continuity of purpose/aim

4. through – διὰ, the means or instrument by which it is effected

- Continuity of divine character

5. His prophets - τῶν προφητῶν αὐτοῦ, his ones who spoke forth to make it known/announce; Dt 18.20,22

- Continuity of prophetic authority

6. Holy - ἁγίαις, revered on account of its association with God; WCF 1.5, Eph 4.4-6

- Continuity of indwelling testimony

7. Scriptures - γραφαῖς, writings/sacred books of the Old Testament; 2Tim 3.15-17, Ac 17.11

- Continuity of written revelation

Conclusion

→ reject God's words and he will reject you, 1Sam 15.23

→ receive God's words and he receives you, Rom 10.17, James 1.25

God beforehand committed to saving a people for himself; he put it in writing and he surely does what he says he will do.