

Sermon Series: Romans

Sermon Text: Romans 1:3-5 Obedience of Faith in God's Son

In the Gospel God calls you to render and call for the obedience of faith.

The Obedience of Faith—"believing obedience" "evangelical obedience"

1) Render and call for the obedience of faith because our Lord Jesus Christ is God's eternal Son.

- a) "concerning His Son" (v. 3a)—God's Son before incarnate as David's seed (cf. 8:3 "by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh")
- b) Eternal Son—The Father is the Father because He has never been without His Son
- c) **Application:** Divine Authority

2) Render and call for the obedience of faith because our Lord Jesus Christ is David's royal Son.

- a) "according to the flesh" (v. 3c)—sphere of humanity; incarnation
- b) "born of the seed of David" (v. 3b)—Davidic Covenant included promise of a son who would (2 Sam. 7:4-17; 1 Chron. 17:3-15)
 - i) Build a House for God's Name
 - ii) Sit on David's Throne Forever
 - iii) Be God's Obedient Son
- c) **Application:** Divine Condescension
 - i) Christ builds us together as God's dwelling place.
 - ii) Christ pacifies your will and rules you in God's Kingdom.
 - iii) Christ gave perfect obedience to the Father for you.

3) Render and call for the obedience of faith because our Lord Jesus Christ is God's risen Son.

- a) "according to the Spirit of Holiness" (v. 4b)—sphere of Spirit; Spirit's ministry in life of Incarnate Christ
- b) "by His resurrection from the dead" (v. 4c)—the resurrection of the people of God first-fruit in Christ
- c) "and was appointed Son of God" (v. 4a)—The Messianic God-Man; the Incarnate Christ
- d) "in power" (v. 4a)—Christ was exalted after His humiliation was complete; His humanity is exalted in power
- e) **Application:** Resurrection Power to Glorify Christ (v. 5 "for the sake of His name")
 - i) Power to live for Christ's glory.
 - ii) Power to bear witness for Christ's glory.
 - iii) Assurance that Christ is Lord of the nations.

Doxology: To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. (Rev. 1:5b-6)