

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 8-30-09 PM NOTES  
"THE GOOD NEWS IS NOT NEW NEWS"  
ROMANS 1:2  
#2 in Series, "Verse by Verse through Romans"

**2 Peter 1:21 (ESV)** "For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit."

**Acts 17:2 (NKJV)** "Then Paul, as his custom was, went in to them, and for three Sabbaths reasoned with them from the Scriptures."

"He did not tell them stories. He did not talk about himself, and illustrate his talk with affecting tales. He did not just conduct singing. He *reasoned* with them out of the Scriptures."

—Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"I am a creature of a day, passing through life as an arrow through the air...just hovering over the great gulf, till, a few moments hence, I am no more seen; I drop into an unchangeable eternity. I want to know one thing—the way to heaven, how to land safe on that happy shore. God Himself has condescended to teach me the way. For this very end He came from heaven. He has written it down in a book. O give me that book! At any price, give me the book of God! I have it. Here is knowledge enough for me. Let me be *homo unius libri* ('a man of one book')."

—John Wesley

I. Old Testament Proclamation

A. The Gospel of God Prophesied

**John 1:1 (NKJV)** "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

**John 1:3 (NKJV)** "All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made."

**Revelation 13:8b (NKJV)** "...the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

**Genesis 3:15 (NKJV)** "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

**2 Samuel 7:16 (NKJV)** "And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever."

**Isaiah 53:5 (NKJV)** "But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."

**Isaiah 53:10 (NKJV)** "Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand."

B. The Gospel of God Pictured

II. New Testament Affirmation

A. Use of the Old Testament by Paul

"It seems that it was Paul's special calling to take the things of Christ latent in the Old Testament and explain them in the light of Calvary."

—John Phillips

**Romans 1:3 (NKJV)** "concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh."

**Acts 13:27 (NKJV)** "For those who dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they did not know Him, nor even the voices of the Prophets which are read every Sabbath, have fulfilled them in condemning Him."

**Acts 13:33 (NKJV)** "God has fulfilled this for us their children, in that He has raised up Jesus. As it is also written in the second Psalm: 'You are My Son, today I have begotten You.'"

B. Use of the Old Testament by Philip

**Acts 8:32-33 (NKJV)** <sup>32</sup> The place in the Scripture which he read was this: *'He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and as a lamb before its shearer is silent, so He opened not His mouth. <sup>33</sup> In His humiliation His justice was taken away, and who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.'*

**Acts 8:35 (NKJV)** "Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him."

C. Use of the Old Testament by Peter

**1 Peter 1:10-12 (NKJV)** <sup>10</sup> Of this salvation the prophets have inquired and searched carefully, who prophesied of the grace *that would come* to you, <sup>11</sup> searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ who was in them was indicating when He testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. <sup>12</sup> To them it was revealed that, not to themselves, but to us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven--things which angels desire to look into."

D. Use of the Old Testament by Jesus

**Luke 24:25-27 (NKJV)** <sup>25</sup> Then He said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! <sup>26</sup> Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?' <sup>27</sup> And beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself."

*"This is the key to understanding the entire Old Testament. It is the key to understanding the New Testament. It is the key to understanding all history--God's saving men and women through the work of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, as He announced beforehand through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures."*

—James Boice

III. Perfect Timing

**Galatians 4:4 (NKJV)** "But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law."

A. God's Timing Revealed the Sinfulness of Sin

B. God's Timing Revealed the Inability of Man

**Romans 10:2-3 (NKJV)** <sup>2</sup> For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. <sup>3</sup> For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God."

**Romans 3:10 (NKJV)** "As it is written: *'There is none righteous, no, not one'*"

C. God's Timing Revealed the Sovereignty of God

**Isaiah 40:15 (NKJV)** "Behold, the nations *are* as a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust on the scales; look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing."

**Psalms 2:1-4 (NKJV)** <sup>1</sup> Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? <sup>2</sup> The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, *saying*, <sup>3</sup> "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." <sup>4</sup> He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision."