



THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

ROMANS 1 - 4

Sermon Series Study Guide

A 5-week video series by Dr. John Neufeld



Week 1: THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

What does it mean to be a Christian? What is the message of the Gospel? What is the heart of the Christian message? Sometimes people stumble and have no idea whatsoever, but I believe the book of Romans can clear the fog. When you strip everything back, culture, politics, entertainment, no book better describes what it means to be a follower of Christ. The Book of Romans is a discovery of the heart of the Christian message, the Good News, the Gospel. It is Christianity 101... four chapters that lay bare the very foundation of our faith.



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This message allows us to understand the very base purpose and content that makes up the book of Romans. The first section, described as, *The Heart of the Gospel*, chapters 1-4, provides for us the very fundamental truths of the Gospel. Dr. Neufeld suggests, "This is the kernel. This is the nub. This is the central point of what it is that makes a person a Christian." This message introduces a study of chapters 1-4, critical to the walk of faith of every follower of Christ.

"So the identification of personal sinfulness, overwhelmed with our indebtedness to God, a deep abiding sense that if or when I stand before God's judgment seat, I am ruined and condemned. I've got no way of making it before God's bar of judgment. I am in a disastrous situation. That's the starting point of becoming a Christian. Jesus came for only people who are overwhelmed with their innate sinfulness."

- DR. JOHN NEUFELD

READ: Romans 1 - 4

Romans 1:16

"For I am not ashamed of the Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes..."

My Notes:

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"The Heart of the Gospel" Week 1 Study Questions:

REFLECT:

- What is it that Martin Luther discovered for himself that fundamentally changed his understanding of Christ in reading the book of Romans?

- Are you able to list the titles of the sections and chapters Dr. Neufeld has outlined that make up the book of Romans? Knowing this allows us a greater grasp of the purpose of this great book.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

"I don't know if you know this, but the objective, the goal of every single person who genuinely is in Christ, is that they might grow in holiness, holiness, the pure life, to be like Christ is the goal of every true Christian. That is the driving motivation of all they do." - Dr. John Neufeld

RESPOND:

- I am being called to be holy as Christ is holy. Is there evidence in my life of becoming like Christ? What is that evidence? What do I continue to hold back?



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Prayer Point:

Dear Lord, help me to understand the very fundamentals of truth that the book of Romans provides. Help me to digest it, consider it, accept it, and make it a living part of my walk of faith. Thank you Lord for the Gospel!

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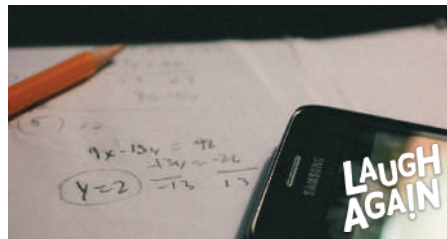
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