

THE GOSPEL FOR CHRISTIANS

ROMANS 1:7-15

- Take a few minutes and read through the passage together.
- Look through the passage again. What do you learn about Paul in the passage? What stands out about his desires, passions, or actions?
- Look through the passage again. What do you learn about the Romans. Who were they? What were they like? What was important to them? How do you think they would respond to receiving a letter from Paul?
- Look through the passage again. What do you learn about God as you look through the passage? What characteristic or action of God stands out in the passage?

“Here I must take counsel of the gospel. I must hearken to the gospel, which teacheth me, not what I ought to do, (for that is the proper office of the law), but what Jesus Christ the Son of God hath done for me: to wit, that He suffered and died to deliver me from sin and death. The gospel willeth me to receive this, and to believe it. And **this is the truth of the gospel**. It is also the principal article of all Christian doctrine, wherein the knowledge of all godliness consisteth. Most necessary it is, therefore, that we should know this article well, teach it unto others, and **beat it into their heads continually**.”

Martin Luther, *St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians* (Smith, English & Co. 1860), p. 206.

- How do you respond to this quote? Do you need the gospel beat into your head continually? Why or why not?
- How clear is the gospel to you?
- What difference would you like to see the gospel make in your life this week?

