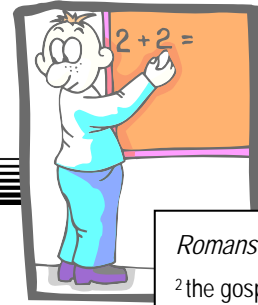


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part 2
Gospel Crazy
Confident In Its Veracity



1. Be _____ (vv.2-3)

2. Be _____ (v.4)

3. Be _____ (vv.5-7)

Romans 1:2-7

² the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures ³ regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, ⁴ and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. ⁵ Through him and for his name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. ⁶ And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. ⁷ To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Unlike biblical Christianity, many religious groups ask their adherents to rely on feelings to determine the "truthfulness" of the group's or the founder's claims. Why is it important for Christians not to follow this example? (cp. Ac.26:26; Lk.1:3-4; 2Pet.1:16; etc.)
2. If you were going to write a bogus religious text that was designed to secure followers, why would you be ill-advised to include specific predictive prophecies?

What are some of the exacting predictive prophecies that have been clearly fulfilled regarding Christ, Israel or the Church?

3. Consider that God *could have* planned for Jesus' body to be resurrected at the end of the age (and not three days after the crucifixion). What do we learn about God in considering that he wanted to "declare" him "to be the Son of God" with an "early" resurrection.
4. What kind of work (study, research, investigation) could you do to bolster your confidence in the veracity of the biblical message? (See the resources below for some ideas.)

Read Through the Bible in a Year

Here's this
week's schedule:

May 11th

2Sam.1-2 & Ac.11

May 12th

2Sam.3-4 & Ac.12

May 13th

2Sam.5-6 & Ac.13

May 14th

2Sam.7-8 & Ac.14

May 15th

2Sam.9-10 & Ac.15

May 16th

2Sam.11-12 & Ac.16

May 17th

2Sam.13-14 & Ac.17

May 18th

2Sam.15-16 & Ac.18

Here is a list of other CDs available from past sermons which may assist you in your further study of today's message.

CD # 0023 - 0028 – **The Big Questions** (a six-part series)

CD # 0626 – **Our Assurance & God's Truthfulness**

CD # 0425 – **A Brief Study of When God Breaks the Rules He Made**

CD # 0530 – **Grappling with Doubts by Revisiting God's Imprimatur on the Truth**

CD # 0428 – **Conquering Death – It's The Whole Point**

CD # 0224 – **Understanding the Ultimate Battle of Wits**

CD # 0227 – **Being Wise When the World Calls You Stupid**

Here are some resources that will assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in this week's sermon.
(To see other recommendations by Pastor Mike related to this and other topics go to www.CompassBooks.org.)

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