

SON OF DAVID – SON OF GOD

--ROMANS 1:1-7--

INTRODUCTION:

This morning is the fourth Sunday of Advent; we have arrived at the week in which we remember and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. As we come together on the evening of Christmas Eve to celebrate our Savior's birth we will light the final candle, the white candle called the Christ candle. This morning, we lit the Angels' candle and remembered that it was angels that first announced the birth of the Savior, the One promised so long ago. It reminds us of the hope fulfilled in the first coming of the Savior and our continuing hope as we anticipate His coming again.

- I. PAUL'S INTRODUCTION (Romans 1:1)
 - a. Paul begins this letter to the church in _____ by introducing himself to them.
 - b. First, Paul identifies himself as a _____ - _____ of Christ Jesus. (Exodus 21:5-6)
 - c. Second, Paul introduces the authority of his ministry, that authority is based on being called as an _____.
 - d. Because Paul was a called apostle, his whole life was set _____ to the Lord's service.
- II. PROMISE OF THE GOOD NEWS (Romans 1:2)
 - a. We know that the good news originated from God, but it did not originate in the _____ Testament. (Isaiah 1:18)
 - b. Let's look at a couple of _____ that refer to the Person of the gospel of God, the Lord Jesus Christ. (2nd Samuel 7:16-17; Psalm 2:2-7)
- III. PERSON OF THE GOOD NEWS (Romans 1:3-4)
 - a. Paul then introduces us to the Person of the gospel of God; he writes that the promises written in the Old Testament prophecies concern God's _____.

- b. Paul begins to bring sense to this first by giving us the facts concerning Jesus' _____ nature. (Luke 1:30-33)
- c. Paul goes on to tell us that Jesus Christ, this descendant of David, according to the flesh, "...was declared the _____ of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord," (Romans 1:4, NASB95)
- d. Jesus Christ's resurrection showed His ability to conquer death, which is the _____ that only God Himself as the giver of life possesses.

CONCLUSION:

The truth of Advent is found in Jesus Christ the son of David in His humanity, declared the Son of God in His incarnation, truly Man and truly God. The ultimate proof of who He is was His resurrection from the dead. Paul in these opening verses of Romans declares that the Son of David and the Son of God is Jesus Christ our Lord. The Person of the Gospel of God is Jesus because He came to save His people from their sin. He is Christ or Messiah because God anointed Him as King. He is the Lord because He is and always will be the Sovereign Ruler of the universe created by Him and held together by His power.

As we enter into this final week of Advent that is represented by the angels' candle, which reminds us of the hope fulfilled that first advent. But it also gives us hope for the second advent of the Lord Jesus Christ as He returns to take us to the place He has prepared for us in His Father's house. If it were not for the first advent when Jesus came to be our perfect substitute and suffer and die on our behalf so that we might have our sins forgiven and be reconciled to God, we would have no hope for the second advent because it would be an advent of judgment only. But because of God's grace and mercy Jesus will come and take those who have trusted Him for salvation to the place He has prepared for us in His Father's house, then God's judgment will be released on the world. Thank God for Jesus Christ and the hope fulfilled in the first advent and the hope for His second advent.