Concerning His Son

(Rom 1:3)

● Read introduction: Rom 1:1-15

● Verses 3-4 must be taken together, in the Greek, the Son Jesus Christ the Lord

comes last

I. “Concerning”- regarding, about, centered on

A) The gospel (good news) all concerns the Son, He is the subject of all

1. Heb 12:2- Christ is the Author (fountainhead/source) and the Finisher

(perfects/accomplishes)

2. Without the Lord Jesus Christ there is no good news at all

i. Acts 4:12- No other Name given under heaven to save

B) Verse 1+ 3 w/o 2= The gospel concerns the Son of God

1. Mark 1:1- The beginning of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ

C) Verse 2 + 3 in order= The scriptures concern the Son of God

1. Heb 10:7- In the volume of the book it is written of Me

2. John 5:39- The scriptures testify of Lord Jesus Christ

3. All communication between God and Man concerns the Lord Jesus Christ

i. 1 Tim 2:5-6- One Mediator between God and man

ii. Gal 1:6-9- One message of mediation between God and man

D) Paul’s separation and ministry also was concerning the Lord Jesus Christ

1. 1 Cor 2:2- I determined to know only Christ crucified to you

E) Because the Lord Jesus Christ is at the center of all scripture, we can as easily

take verses Rom 1:1-4 this way:

1. Paul was concerning the Lord Jesus Christ

2. All the promises of God are concerning the Lord Jesus Christ

i. 2 Cor 1:20- All the promises of God fulfilled in Christ

3. All the prophets are concerning the Lord Jesus Christ

i. Acts 10:43- To Him give all the prophets witness

a) Acts 3:21 & Luke 1:70

F) So then we can see the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ is not an afterthought,

as many teach, it is THE forethought of God

1. The blade, stem, bud, flower and fruit are not afterthoughts, they are all in

the seed by the design of God

i. Example of the method by which the designed and built the cathedrals

of old

G) There is no Christianity without the Lord Jesus Christ, just as there in no Christian

but by the Lord Jesus Christ

1. Christ did not simply bear the good news, He IS the good news

2. This is true of no other religious system or cult

i. You can still have Buddhism without Buddha

ii. You can still have Islam without Muhammad

iii. You can still have Judaism without Moses

a) Moses was the person the Lord chose to bring the Law through, but

Moses is not vital to the Law, God could have gave it through Joshua

or another

3. Christianity so-called in the name of God only is false

i. 1 John 2:22-23- He that denies the Son denies the Father

ii. 1 John 4:2-3- To not confess Christ is to not know the Father

a) Example of the man that denied Christ openly and yet called a

Christian in his eulogy

II. Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God

A) Heb 1:1- This entire epistle is about the complete uniqueness and superiority of

Christ

B) John 1:1- The Word was with God and the Word was God

C) Matt 3:17- This is My beloved Son

D) Matt 17:5- This is My beloved Son

E) John 8:58-59- This is why the Jews wanted to kill Him

1. John 10:33- Jesus makes Himself equal with God

2. Luke 23:70-71- This is why they crucified Him

III. Paul now proves the divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ by genealogy and

resurrection

A) Flesh -vs- Spirit

1. Made of the seed of David (flesh) -vs- declared to be the Son of God

(Spirit)

2. “Made of seed of David according to the flesh”

i. Made- to begin to be, to come into existence or form, to become

a) John 1:1&14- Word was and then Word became flesh

(1) Christ (Messiah) always has been the Son of God, He became the

seed of David (Jesus)

ii. The Lord Jesus Christ did not attain unto divinity, as He has made it

possible for the children of God now to do (Rom 8:29)

B) The God-Man

1. This is the central point of the gospel, that at a certain point God Himself

broke into humanity and began to be something that He was not before

i. Gal 4:4- The Son became made of a woman

a) “Sent forth”- He could not have been sent forth if He was not

b) Phil 2:4-7- Being in the form of God, He took upon Him the form of

a servant (became flesh)

(1) Heb 10:5- A body Thou hast prepared Me

(2) Heb 2:14-16- Took upon Him the seed of Abraham

ii. This is truly what the 4 gospels accounts are given to, proving that the

Man Jesus was the eternal Son of God promised to come into the world

a) Thus His genealogy is proven in Matt 1 and Luke 3

b) His deity is proven by the miracles

c) His eternal position now as the God-Man is proven in His

resurrection

(1) The Lord Jesus Christ submitted to the Father and relinquished

His glory with Him in order that the Father be glorified, and the

Son in turn was honored with the glory of all those He redeems

(2) 2 Cor 5:21- He took the nature of God and brought it unto man in

order that man might become a son of God also (John 1:12)

iii. This is why the Lord referred to Himself constantly as the “Son of Man”

a) The history of the first 3 centuries following the cross is one of the

struggle of the church against the heresies that arose concerning the

person of the Lord Jesus Christ

(1) The church fathers knew well that to lose the doctrine of the God-

Man was to concede the gospel and make salvation impossible

(2) Isa 7:14- Immanuel- “God with us” (Matt 1:23)

● If we do not believe that God has come in the flesh, we simply are not Christians,

no matter what we label ourselves. I can’t have Christian fellowship with

someone who denies the eternal deity of the Lord Jesus Christ and must break

fellowship with that person. This is not a doctrine we can relax not concede in

any way.