

Deep Theology, Simple Faith

Romans 1

“God means for you to be *regularly* pushed and formed, hurt and healed, challenged and encouraged by passages you’ve never heard before, haven’t given enough attention to, or haven’t considered in a while. He means for you to understand even your best-known verses *at new depths*, and know the power of his grace *more deeply*, through new applications, as you encounter situations in life you’ve never faced before.”

- David Mathis, *How to Stay Christian In Seminary*

a. Deep Theology

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

2 Timothy 4:3

b. Simple Faith

Matthew 19:14

1 Timothy 1:5

The Epistle to the Romans

c. The Gospel Trilogy

- i. John – Gospel (Jn. 20:30-31)
- ii. Acts – Gospel History (Acts 1:8)
- iii. Romans – Gospel Theology (Rom. 1:16)

d. Vv. 1:1-7

- i. Paul ...
 - 1. Was a _____ of Jesus Christ
 - 2. Was called to be an _____
 - 3. Was _____ for the gospel of God
- ii. The Gospel of God is...
 - 1. The _____ of the Old Testament
 - 2. All about the _____ and _____ of Jesus
- iii. Jesus is...
 - 1. The _____ of King David
 - 2. The _____ Son of God

e. Vv. 16-17

“For *I am not ashamed of the gospel*, for it is the **power of God** for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.”

Now What?

Allow _____

Begin _____

Consider _____

“O God! There are many things in [the Bible] I do not understand. There are many problems with it for which I have no solution. There are many seeming contradictions. There are some areas in it that do not seem to correlate with modern science. I can’t answer some of the philosophical and psychological questions [...] Father, I am going to accept this as Thy Word—by faith! I’m going to allow faith to go beyond my intellectual questions and doubts, and I will believe this to be Your inspired Word!”

- Billy Graham, *Just As I Am*