

# MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

SERMON OUTLINE – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2016

Passage: Romans 1:1-17

## Introducing Romans

**Paul's big idea:** The gospel is a royal announcement that a new king is in charge, and this news requires our obedience, proclamation, and trust.

### What is the Gospel? (Rom. 1:1-4)

1. **The Gospel calls for obedience from God's people**
2. **The Gospel calls for mission from God's people**
3. **The Gospel calls for faith from God's people**

*'Paul's hope in writing this letter is that this inclusive and restorative righteousness will be allowed to heal the divisions between the Roman groups of converts and thus enable them to participate in the campaign to missionize to the end of the known world, as far as the Pillar of Hercules in Spain.'* (Jewett, Romans, 143).

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### **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION**

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#### **Read Romans 1:1-6**

1. What are the key elements of the gospel Paul proclaimed? How do these compare with other gospel summaries, such as in 1 Corinthians 15:1-8?
2. What does it mean that Jesus is the Son of God (c.f. Psalm 2)? Is Paul claiming that the resurrection made Jesus the Son of God or that it recognized Jesus to be the Son of God?
3. Who do you think the 'we' is in verse 5 that has received grace and apostleship?
4. What result is Paul looking to see amongst all the nations? What do you think the 'obedience of faith' means?

#### **Read Romans 1:7-15**

5. What is Paul's prayer concerning the Roman church?
6. Why does Paul long to come to the church in Rome? What does he hope to achieve there?
7. Read Romans 15:23-24. What further reason does Paul have for wanting to come to Rome?
8. What is Paul's task in life, according to Rom. 1:13-15?
9. Do you think mission is just something that Paul does or all of us should be involved in? When and in what ways?

#### **Read Romans 1:16-17**

10. Why is Paul not ashamed of the gospel? Why might he have been ashamed of it?
11. What is the righteousness of God? (c.f. Psalm 51:14; 71:2, 15-16; 98:2)
12. What does the expression 'from faith to faith' mean? (c.f. 'from year to year': Judges 11:40; 1 Samuel 1:3; 'from day to day': 1 Chron. 16:23; 'from strength to strength': Psalm 83:8; 'from nation to nation': Psalm 104:13)
13. How does the quote from Habakkuk 2:4 sum up Paul's point in Rom. 1:16-17?
14. What are the implications of this passage for us if the gospel is true?