

The Men of Donelson— The Gospel

- I. As we seek understanding of our New Covenant - we must begin at the core - “What is the Gospel?”
 - a. Mark 1:1 *The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*
 - b. The Greek term: εὐαγγέλιον - good news, gospel Mt 4:23; 26:13; Mk 1:1, 14, 15; 8:35; Ac 15:7; Ro 1:16; 1 Cor 9:12, 18, 23; 2 Cor 4:4; 11:7; Eph 6:15; Col 1:5, 23; 1 Pt 4:17
 - c. τὸ εὐαγγέλιον - the preaching of (concerning) Jesus Christ as having suffered death on the cross for men, but as raised out of death to life and exalted to glory, and to reappear in majesty to consummate the reign of God; defined as "the glad tidings' of grace.
- II. This then is the message of the NT - begun in Paul: Romans 1:1 *Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and designated Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ;*
 - a. “set apart” into the gospel: Gal 1:15, Jer 1:5, Lk 1:15
 - b. Foretold - in the Law and prophets; Rom 3:21
 - c. Resurrection: I Cor 15:13-19
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