I. Messenger: Who is Paul and Why Should We Listen to Him? (v.1)

A. Paul’s Attitude: Servant of Christ Jesus
   - δοῦλος = “slave”
   - “servant of the LORD” used regularly for Moses, David, Joshua, etc.

B. Paul’s Authority: Called to be an Apostle
   - The role of apostles in early Christianity
   - Key characteristic of an apostle: they have seen the risen Lord

C. Paul’s Purpose: Set Apart for the Gospel
   - άθωρισμένος = “set apart” as a tribute to God (e.g., Ex 13:12)
   - Paul introduces theme of his letter: “Gospel of God”

II. Message: What is the “Gospel of God” All About? (v.2-5)

A. Promised Beforehand (v.2)
   - The Gospel is not so much something new, as it is the completion of something old
   - “through the prophets in the Holy Scriptures”: God’s redemptive plan was promised in the OT!

B. Concerning His Son (v.3-5)
   - Humiliation: Who was descended from David
     - γενομένου = “who has come”
   - Exaltation: Who was declared Son of God in Power
   - Application: Through Whom We Receive Grace
     - So that we might obey
     - So his name might be spread among the nations
Discussion Groups

1. What would it look like for your life to be “set apart” for the Gospel like Paul’s?

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2. What characteristic of Jesus stood out to you from this passage? How did it encourage you?

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3. How should Jesus’ position of power and exaltation change/affect your everyday life?

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