

The Gospel Is Commanded

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Primary Text: “Through Christ, God has given us the privilege and authority as apostles to tell Gentiles everywhere what God has done for them, so that they will believe and obey him, bringing glory to his name. And you are included among those Gentiles who have been called to belong to Jesus Christ. I am writing to all of you in Rome who are loved by God and are called to be his own holy people.”

“May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.” (Romans 1:5-7 NLT)

Supporting Texts: (Acts 17:30-31; Romans 6:17; Romans 10:3,17; Romans 8:29-30; John 10:27; John 6:44; Ephesians 2:1-5; 1 Peter 1:16; Matthew 5:48; John 3:17-19; 2 Timothy 1:9; Deuteronomy 7:7-8; Romans 16:25-27)

Questions:

1. Why should the gospel be presented as a command, rather than an invitation?
2. Why does God issue a command to obey that not all can obey?
3. Why is it that there is only one call of God, not two?
4. Do you feel any tension between divine sovereignty and human accountability?