

# EXPLICIT GRACE

Feb 15 & 19 | Check Your Mess | Rev. Brian Cook

*Romans 1:16*

*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.*

*Romans 2:1-8*

*Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. He will render to each one according to his works: to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury.*

## Why is the Gospel offensive?

- 1) It tells us that the truth isn't hidden, it's SUPPRESSED.
- 2) It tells us that we worship CREATED gods.
- 3) It tells us that we are so WICKED that only the death of God could save us.
- 4) It tells us that our decisions have UNSHAKABLE consequences.
- 5) It tells us that salvation comes from SERVANTHOOD not CONQUEST.