

The Gospel of Christ

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Romans 1:16-17.

B. Romans is an expansion of what we see in these two verses.

C. We are often ashamed of the gospel of Christ. Christ would not accept the person who simply came to him for comfort. (Matthew 7)

D. Paul was not ashamed of the gospel because it is powerful.

1. It is a stumbling block. (1 Corinthians 1)

2. Yet it is powerful. (Romans 9)

E. Understanding the gospel of Christ is understanding four key words.

II. Power.

A. The gospel carries with it the power of the omnipotent God.

B. Men are impotent to change themselves. (Jeremiah 15:23, Matthew 22:29)

C. The gospel has the power to change men. (Romans 5:6; 8:3; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1)

D. The gospel is foolishness to Gentiles but power to the Christian. (1 Corinthians 1:18, Matthew 28:18)

III. Salvation.

A. Salvation means deliverance.

B. Salvation is from sin, lost-ness and judgment. (Acts 2:40)

IV. Believing.

A. Believing is faith. Where there is faith there is the power of God.

B. God asks men to believe. Behavior comes later.

V. Righteousness.

A. The reason the gospel can save is because God's righteousness can become yours.

B. The righteousness of God is manifest through faith in Christ. (Romans 3:21, Philippians 3:9)

Application Questions:

1. How is the gospel the answer to sin?

2. Why is the power of God necessary for us?

3. Why does belief come before works in salvation?
