

THE POWER OF GOD INTO SALVATION

Rom. 1:16:17: “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’”

1. Power is not in preacher but in the Gospel he preaches.
2. Definition of Gospel: “Good News.”

THE GOSPEL IS GOD’S POWER TO SAVE - THERE’S NO OTHER MEANS.

1. It was preached in every conversion in Acts.

1 Cor. 1:21: “For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.”

2. It is the seed of the Kingdom.

Matt. 13:18-23: “Therefore hear the parable of the sower: ‘When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside. But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful. But he who received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and produces: some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.’”

Mark 4:14-20: “The sower sows the word. And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts. These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word’s sake, immediately they stumble. Now these are the ones sown among thorns; they are the ones who hear the word, and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other

things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

A. More seed sown - more people saved.

3. Christ commanded apostles to preach the Gospel.

Mark 16:15: “And He said to them, ‘Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.’”

4. Save by foolishness of preaching.

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THERE ARE THREE FUNDAMENTAL FACTS OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST:

1. Death of Christ.

1 Cor. 15:1: “Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand.”

Heb. 9:22; 10:4: “And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.” . . . “For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.”

A. No remission of sins without it.

2. Burial - In Joseph’s new tomb.
3. Resurrection - Prove to be the Son of God.

A. In this fact we have hope.

1 Cor. 15:22: “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.”

(1) Facts cannot be obeyed - They must be believed.

THERE ARE THREE FUNDAMENTAL COMMANDS OF THE GOSPEL:

1. Believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

Acts 16:31: “So they said, ‘Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.’”

Heb. 11:6: “But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

2. Repent - Of our sins.

Acts 17:30: “Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent.”

Luke 13:5: “I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

3. Baptized - For remission of Sins.

Acts 2:38: “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

A. These commands can and must be obeyed by all.

THERE ARE THREE FUNDAMENTAL PROMISES OF THE GOSPEL:

1. If we believe the facts and obey the commands - Enjoy Promises.
2. These promises are:

- A. Remission of Sins.

Acts 2:38: “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

Acts 8:39: “Now when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught Phillip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more; and he went on his way rejoicing.”

- B. Holy Spirit as a Gift

Acts 5:32; 2:38: “And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.” . . . “Then Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’”

C. Eternal Life

1 John 2:25: “And this is the promise that He has promised us --eternal life.”

Heb. 5:9: “And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.”

(1) Lord is not slack on promises.

2 Peter 3:9: “The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”

HOW DOES THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST SAVE A MAN TODAY?

1. The Heart is changed by Faith.

Acts 15:9: “And made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.”

2. The Life is changed by Repentance.

3. The State is changed by Baptism.

Rom. 6:1-18.

4. It sustains Spiritual Life after becoming a Christian.

A. Milk for babes.

1 Peter 2:1-2: “Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby.”

B. Meat for Grown.

Heb. 5:12-14: “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first

principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

THE GOSPEL HAS BEEN WATERED DOWN BY FALSE TEACHING:

1. Catholics - Puts Papal bulls on par with Gospel.
2. Mormons - Puts Book of Mormon on par with Gospel.
3. Modernists - Treat it simply as a Book of Sociology.
4. Denominationalists - Have changed it at their whims.
5. Infidel - Has denied its Authenticity as the Word of God.

CHRIST WILL TAKE VENGEANCE UPON THOSE WHO OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL.

1. It is no wonder that Timothy was told, “Preach the Word.”
 - A. Eternal death awaits those who obey not.

1 Peter 4:17: “For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?”

2 Thess. 1:7-9: “And to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power.”

2. If you know the commands of the Gospel - Obey Now - Today.
 - A. Saddest Words. “IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.”