

THE GOSPEL - GOD'S POWER TO SAVE

"Save Whom? and From What?"

Rom 1:16,17; 2Thess 1:7-9

INTRODUCTION:

- A. The word Gospel means "Good news" or "Glad Tidings"
- B. Rom 1:16 says IT is God's power to save
- C. Answer the questions: The Gospel, God's power to save - "Save Whom?" and "From What?"

DISCUSSION:

I. MAN IS LOST IN SIN

- A. All have sinned Rom 3:23
- B. No hope and without God. Eph 2:12
- C. By one man sin entered into the world Rom 5:12

II. THERE IS BUT ONE GOSPEL (that can save)

- A. Many perversions Gal 1:6-8
- B. Notice Rom. 1:16 and Mk. 16:15 THE Gospel IT IS THE Power
- C. The article THE and the Pronoun IT suggest only one Gospel.

III. WHY CAN THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST SAVE US?

- A. It is divine in origin Gal 1:11,12; 2Tim 3:16,17
 - 1. It comes from God
 - 2. It is inspired of God
 - 3. Has a divine aim or purpose
- B. It is the Power of God (for salvation) 1Cor 1:18
 - 1. God has all power and controls all things - but has chosen to put the power to save men's souls in the Gospel.
 - 2. No power to save in the great forces on earth: Atom, Ocean currents (tidal waves), tornadic winds, etc. Note 1Kings 19:11,12
 - 3. The power of God to preserve the physical body is physical food - but God's power to save sinful man's soul is the Gospel of Christ.
- C. It Contains The Righteousness of God Rom. 1:17 Matt. 6:33 2Tim. 1:10
 - 1. All God's commandments are Righteousness Psa. 119:172
 - 2. Vines defines Righteousness as "The sum total of all that God requires.
 - 3. In containing the Righteousness of God the Gospel simply contains the plan of salvation for sinful man.

IV. WHAT GOES INTO THE COMPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL

- A. There are facts contained in the Gospel 1Cor 15:1-4
 - 1. All of these facts revolve around the central them of the gospel.
 - 2. That is the life, Death, Burial, Resurrection, and the ascension of Christ.:
 - B. There are commands in the Gospel
 - 1. Believe Jhn 8:24; Heb. 11:6
 - 2. Repent Lk. 13:3; Acts 2:38.
 - 3. Confess Rom. 10:9, 10; Matt. 10:32,33
 - 4. Be Baptized Mk. 16:16; Acts .2:38
 - 5. Be faithful 1Cor 15:58
 - C. Promised Blessings
 - 1. Forgiveness (remission) of sins Acts 2:38
 - 2. All Spiritual Blessings Eph. 1:3
 - 3. Eternal life Rev. 2:10
- ##### V. HOW DOES THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL SAVE A MAN
- A. Man must believe the facts of the gospel Jhn. 20:30,31
 - B. Man must obey the commands Heb 5:9 With the right kind of faith we will not hesitate to do all that the Lord commands. Note Matt 28:20 Not teaching them "ALL" things, but teaching them to "observe" all things
 - C. Man receives God's promised blessings 1Jhn. 1:7
 - 1. Receives forgiveness of sins
 - 2. Begins to enjoy Spiritual Blessings Mk 10:28-30
 - 3. World to come eternal life after we have served faithfully

CONCLUSION:

- A. 2Thess. 1:7-9 shows what the end will be of those who do not obey the Gospel (God's power to save)
- B. God has the power to save anyone by whatever means he chooses - but he has chosen the means and has put his power to save in it and that is the Gospel - No one can be saved without obeying it.
- C. Have YOU obeyed the Gospel?