

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

{The Righteousness of God Introduced Pt. 3 - Romans 1:14-17}

- What is NOT the Gospel?

II. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD INTRODUCED (Rom. 1:1-17)

A. Paul's MINISTRY. (1:1-13)

- What was Paul's passion?
- What did Paul want to accomplish when he came to Rome to the saved & the unsaved?
- What was the Romans 8:28 of his previous delays in coming?

B. Paul's MISSION & MESSAGE. (1:14-17) Observe the three "I am" statements:

1. His RESPONSIBILITY. (1:14-15)

- a. The *existence* of his responsibility involved an _____. (1:14a)
- b. The *extent* of his responsibility extended to _____, regardless of ethnicity, culture, education, class, etc. (1:14b)
- c. The *eagerness* of his responsibility involved "*So, as much as is in me* {as it relates to me}, *I am _____*" {eager, willing, brimming with enthusiasm} (1:15a)
- d. The *explanation* of his responsibility was he was ready / eager "*to _____ to you who are in Rome also.*" (1:15b) How does all this apply to us?

2. His REASONS. (1:16-17) - Observe the 3 "for"s {gar} in these verses:

- a. #1: "*For _____ of the Gospel of Christ*" (1:16a) - What does this state and imply?
 - What is and is not the focus of the Gospel?
- b. #2: "*for it* {the Gospel} *is the _____ of* {of or from} *God* {underscoring its potency and dynamic quality} *to _____* {highlighting its purpose} *for _____* {emphasizing its potential reach} *who _____* {clarifying its personal sole condition} *for the Jew first and also the Greek.* (1:16b)
- c. #3: "*for* {this is the climax of the climax} *in it* {the Gospel} *the _____* {the righteous status or standing God graciously bestows and righteously declares upon the believer} *is _____* {to reveal or make know something that was previously veiled or covered up} *from _____*; *as it is written* {in Habakkuk 2:4}, "*The _____* {the justified or righteous person} *shall _____* {with spiritual or eternal life} *by _____* {not by works, law or ritual - Romans 4}"
 - Why did the Gospel need to be revealed?

● Is a clear presentation & understanding of the Gospel really that important

A. The **CONTEXT** of the Gospel. {The Bad News}

1. God is _____, and we are _____, and one day we will give an account to Him. (Rom. 1:20; 1:32)
2. God is _____ (Isa. 63) and we are _____ (Rom. 3:23) and unable to _____ ourselves. (Isaiah 64:6)
3. There is a _____ we deserve to spend eternity separated from God (Rom. 6:23) and a _____ that we don't deserve (Matt. 7:13-14; 25:46) but God offers eternal life to us as a free gift by His _____!

B. The **CONTENT** of the Gospel. (The Good News -1 Cor. 15:3-4)

1. The Gospel of salvation was _____ by Paul without apology.
2. The Gospel of salvation was of _____ ... "first of all".
3. The Gospel of salvation centers in a *specific person* who is _____ ... "how Christ". Why is this significant?
 - a. Because of _____ Jesus Christ is!
 - b. Because of _____ Jesus Christ came!
4. The Gospel of salvation centers in a *specific work*, namely that Christ _____ Why is this significant?
 - a. Because through His sacrificial death, the _____ for sin was _____.
 - b. Because through His bodily resurrection He _____ sin and death and can now offer _____ to you and me.
5. The Gospel of salvation centers in a *specific accomplishment*, namely that Christ died _____ Why is this significant?
 - a. Because Christ's death was a _____!
 - b. Because Christ's death was a _____ for our sins.

C. The **CONFIRMING EVIDENCE** of the Gospel. (1 Cor. 15:3-11)

1. Proof #1: The Gospel _____ . (15:3-4)
2. Proof #2: The Gospel is _____ . (15:5-8)
3. Proof #3: The Gospel is _____ . (15:10-11) What does the testimony of Paul emphasize?

D. The **CORRECT RESPONSE** to the GOSPEL is _____ and His finished work alone apart from your good works, efforts to keep the Law, or religious rituals. (15:11; John 3:16-18; Ephesians 2:8-9)

- How can you tell the true Gospel of Christ from its religious counterfeits or confusing cliches?
- How do preachers frontload or backload the Gospel in our day & what does this result in? (Acts 16:30-31; 1 John 5:9-13)

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How does all this apply to you?