

God's Genuine Gospel #1

Definitive Gospel

Romans 1:16-17, 2 Timothy 1:8-10 8/12/2018

Polarized Society, Emboldened Individualism, & the Neglected Gospel

- Protest & Patriotism, Commerce & Conscience, Pride & Prejudice
- Believers struggle to stand for & share the Gospel in this environment
 - b/c those glorifying & gratifying self reject the Gospel mockingly
 - b/c protecting earthly freedom distracts from sharing eternal freedom
 - b/c the definitive Gospel isn't fully realized by the typical believer
- Why would Paul suffer to share a mocked message w/ a hostile society?

Romans 1:16-17

The Gospel's Physical Reality

(v.16a)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel,

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; **-1Cor 15:3-6**

- Jesus Christ fulfilled the scripture by
 - Dying for our sins & rising from the grave on the 3rd Day
 - Being seen raised by a multitude of witnesses including Paul

The Gospel's Spiritual Impact

(v.16b & 17a)

for it is the power of God for salvation... ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed

- The Gospel is God's Power
 - Your power is inadequate for salvation
 - Power of Reason
 - Power of Action
- The Gospel is for Salvation
 - Salvation from past sin (Forgiveness in Christ)
 - Salvation from present slavery (Freedom in Christ)
 - Salvation from permanent separation (Forever with Christ)
 - Saved vs Lost = Salvation vs Damnation
- The Gospel is Righteousness from God Revealed
 - God's Righteousness is received by faith not produced by works
 - The Law revealed human unrighteousness & inadequacy
 - Christ's Righteous Life & Sacrificial Death delivers me

The Gospel's Specific Application

(v. 16c & 17b)

to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ...from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

- The Gospel is Received by Faith
 - Everyone who believes, From faith to faith,

The Gospel's Scope & Impact

(2 Timothy 1:8-10)

⁸ Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, ⁹ who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, ¹⁰ but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

- Paul's invitation to take a stand for the Definitive Gospel
 - A Prisoner mentoring his fearful protégé
 - Join me in suffering for the Gospel by God's power
 - He has saved us & He has called us
 - Not by our works but by His purpose & grace in Christ Jesus
 - Existing in Jesus Christ from all eternity
 - Revealed by His appearing in the Flesh
 - Which Made death void
 - Which made life & immortality accesible