

Release the Power of the Gospel

Introduction

What does preaching the gospel, the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ, do? The apostle Paul tells us in Romans 1:16 that it releases “the power of God” to bring His salvation into your life. It is no wonder the enemy brings opposition to anyone who preaches the gospel of Christ. He doesn’t want the power of God to come into people’s lives.

Our Bible passage in this segment comes from 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has giving us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and had committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”**

The Gospel of Salvation

The word “salvation” does not mean being saved from hell to go to heaven. Salvation is the Greek word *soteria*, which means “deliverance, preservation, safety.” It covers any area of your life that needs saving so that you can enjoy wholeness and well-being in your body, soul, and spirit.

Now, where do you find this salvation? Only in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Not in the old covenant of law. It is the gospel of Jesus Christ that unleashes the power of God to save you and make you whole. It is this gospel that brings protection, healing, deliverance, and soundness to every area of your life.

Ministry of Reconciliation

The meaning of reconciliation is an element of salvation that refers to the results of atonement. Reconciliation is the end of the estrangement, caused by original sin, between God and us. When sin entered in, thanks to Satan’s deceit, we started to become an enemy and in rebellion of God.

Because unbelievers embrace sin, which shows unbelief in Jesus, they will feel the wrath of God. The only escape is to accept God’s gift of salvation and receive the ministry of reconciliation. Many only explain that accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior (salvation) is for the forgiveness of sins. Yes, it is, but also, we now become reconciled to God, and will not face the wrath that we actually deserve. Jesus took our place on the cross to make it happen.

Gospel of Grace

By the same token, if you want the well-being and wholeness of God to come into your areas of challenge, then make sure you are hearing the gospel of Christ, which is the gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24).

But what is it about the gospel of grace that makes it so powerful? We find the answer in Romans 1:17, **“For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, ‘The just shall live by faith.’”**

The gospel is so powerful because in it is the revelation that you have been made righteous by the work of Christ, not by your works. This is the glory of the gospel, the good news that when God looks at a man who has put his faith in what Jesus has done, God sees him perfect, complete, and righteous in Christ. It is knowing this that unleashes the power and salvation of God in all its richness into all areas of our lives.

The Just Shall Live by Faith

Notice what the apostle Paul said in Romans 1:17. You cannot walk, talk, or live a life of faith when you don't understand that you have been made righteous by faith. Once you realize that God is not counting your sins against you because of what Christ has done, peace and joy settle in your heart. Fear flees and hope springs forth.

Faith for every blessing Christ purchased for you just erupts in you and activates the power of God to overcome every obstacle in your life! Whatever you may be struggling with today, come back to the Father's loving embrace and grace. He loves you.

Conclusion

Receive the good news that you are a new creation in Christ; old things are gone. You have been reconciled to God through Christ's perfect work at the cross. You are righteous in God's sight, even when you fail, and are empowered to overcome every failing through His gift of no condemnation.

Let this good news of our Lord Jesus take hold in your heart. And in your every area of challenge, you will begin to experience lasting victory and a multiplication of His grace and peace in your life. Amen!

I am Dale Van De Bogart and I approve of this message!

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