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Sunday morning worship (Bible Study) 9:30 AM
Sunday morning worship (Preaching) 10:30 AM
Sunday evening worship (Preaching) 4:00 PM
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Please consider this to be your personal invitation to this series of Bible lessons and please invite your neighbors and friends to attend with you.

WE HOPE YOU WILL MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND

THE GOSPEL GOD'S POWER TO SAVE

By Jerry L. Henderson

The word Gospel means "good news" or "glad tidings". In Rom. 1:16 Paul says IT (the gospel) is God's power to save. In that same book in chapter 3:23 Paul makes it very clear that all men have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Therefore, all are in need of salvation from sin, because Paul again in the same book in chapter 6:23 says the wages of sin is death.

Certainly, we realize from Paul's writings that there is but ONE gospel. In Rom. 1:16 he uses the definite article THE and also a singular pronoun IT in reference to the gospel - God's power to save. Both of these words indicate there is only ONE gospel. However, if this is not enough proof that there is only ONE gospel, Paul's statement in Gal. 1:6-8 points out that there are perversions but only one true gospel and that is the one he had preached unto them. He even goes so far as to place a curse on one (even an angel from heaven) who would preach any other gospel than that which had been preached unto them.

In this same chapter of Galatians Paul affirms that the gospel was of Divine origin. He said he had not received it of man nor was he taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ Gal. 1:11,12. In his letter to Timothy he tells us that the scriptures are inspired of God, and that they have a divine aim or purpose 2Tim. 3:16,17. Paul, also in Rom. 1:17 says that the gospel contains the righteousness of God. Mr. W. E. Vine in his Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words defines Righteousness as "the sum total of all that God requires." In Psa. 119:172, even before this man defined righteousness, David said "all thy commandments are righteousness." In containing the righteousness of God the gospel simply contains the plan of salvation for sinful man. Certainly, we realize that God has all power and controls all things but the truth of the matter is that God has chosen to place His saving power in the gospel of Christ. The power of God to preserve the physical part of man has been placed in the physical food which we eat and the power of God to preserve the spiritual part of man has been placed in the spiritual food which we feed on - and that is the word of God or the gospel of Christ.

There are a number of things that go to make up the gospel. First, there are facts contained in the gospel. All of these facts revolve around the central theme of the gospel, that is the **LIFE, DEATH, BURIAL, RESURRECTION** and the **ASCENSION** of Christ. Second, there are commands contained in the gospel. We must believe that Jesus is the Christ Jhn. 8:24; be willing to repent of our sins Lk. 13:3; Acts 2:38; be willing to confess Christ Rom. 10:9, 10; Matt. 10:32,33; and then be baptized for the remission of our sins Mk. 16:15,16; Acts 2:38. After doing this we then must live faithfully until death 1Cor. 15:58; Matt. 10:22. Third, there are blessings to be enjoyed. We are promised the forgiveness of sins Acts 2:38; all spiritual blessings in Christ Eph. 1:3 and finally eternal life with God in heaven Rev. 2:10.

It is not enough just to realize that the Gospel of Christ is God's power to salvation but we must also realize that man must appropriate that saving power in some way and we have not been left in the dark as to how this is accomplished. In complying with the commands contained in the gospel, man believes these facts and this then leads him to turn from his sins in repentance, confess Christ as the Son of God and then to be buried with Christ by baptism into death, to be raised in a newness of life Rom. 6:3, 4. After having completed this obedience to the commands of the gospel the Lord then adds us to the church which he built. Acts 2:47. We then enjoy the forgiveness of our sins and all the spiritual blessings that are in Christ. Then, in the world to come we will enjoy eternal life with God if we have served Him faithfully.

2Thess. 1:7-9 shows what the end will be of those who do not obey the gospel (God's power to save). God has the power to save anyone by whatever means He so chooses. But, He has chosen the means which He desires to use and has put His power to save in it and that, my friends, is the **GOSPEL OF CHRIST. NO ONE** can be saved without **OBEYING THE GOSPEL. HAVE YOU OBEYED THE GOSPEL ???**

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