

THE GOSPEL SAVES

Romans 1:16, 17

INTRODUCTION:

1. The word gospel is found in 98 verses in the New Testament in the K.J.V.
 - A. Its extended meaning is “good news” or “glad tidings”.
2. During the years following His Resurrection, the gospel was received with great excitement.
 - A. Prior to the gospel, man was subject to the bondage concerning fear of death (Heb 2:15).
 1. His victory over death guarantees life after death (1 Cor 15:20 – 24).
3. The “bars of death” were abolished in His Resurrection giving man a living hope (1 Pet 1:3).

BODY:

1. **MANKIND NEEDS TO BE SAVED (Rom 3:9, 10, 23; 6:23)**
 - A. Gospel preaching saves the lost by man’s compliance with it.
 - B. God sent His Son to pay for all man’s sin (Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8; Tit 2:11; 2 Pet 3:9).
 1. Thus, salvation is possible for all, if one would only cooperate with God’s desires.
 - C. Eternal life is not merely a possibility, but rather a certainty for the obedient (Heb 5:9).
2. **CHRIST DIED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SALVATION**
 - A. The good news of God’s Power and wisdom to secure eternal life for obedient mankind.
 1. The gospel preached in simplicity is received only by the willing (1 Cor 1:18).
 - B. It is easily seen Christ “gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father” (Gal 1:4).
3. **THE GOSPEL PRODUCES FAITH (Rom 1:5; 10:16, 17; Heb 5:9; Jas 2:14, 17)**
 - A. The gospel (*euangelion* = good news, glad tidings) is the message of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (1 Cor 15:1 – 4).
 1. Eyewitness testimony supports the gospel (Lk 1:1 – 4; Ac 2:32).
 2. Miraculous confirmation supports the eyewitness testimony (Heb 2:2 – 4).
 - B. The gospel leads to the conclusion Jesus is the Son of God (Jn 20:28-31; Ac 2:36).
 1. That which saves is not merely idle belief; BUT courageous, trusting and obedient.
 2. The Bible speaks of man “obeying” the gospel (2 Cor 9:13)
 - A. It points out those who do not “obey” will NOT be saved (2 The 1:8; 1 Pet 4:17)
 - C. How does one OBEY the gospel? Belief in Jesus Christ (Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6)
 1. Confession of faith (Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10; Php 2:11).
 2. Repentance, turning from past sins (Lk 13:3, 5; Ac 2:38; 17:30; 2 Pet 3:9).
 3. Baptism for the remission of sins (Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 1 Pet 3:21).
 4. Afterwards, by steadfast faithfulness to the Lord (Col 1:22, 23; Heb 3:14; Rev 2:10).
4. **GOD’S SAVING POWER IS IN THE GOSPEL [ONLY saving faith (Eph 1:13, 14)]**
 - A. In the gospel, “the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith” (Rom 1:17).
 1. His “righteousness” is not personal, BUT the justification He makes for mankind.
 - A. His Way of making men righteous, as opposed to make themselves (Rom 10:3).
 - B. Revealed in the gospel “from faith to faith” based on His Principle (Rom 10:16, 17).

Whispering Hills

Church of Christ



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Gathering Times

Sunday Bible Class	09:30 AM
Sunday Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening	7:00 PM

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HOW TO BE SAVED

1. Hear (Rom 10:17; Jn 6:45)
2. Believe (Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6)
3. Repent (Lk 13:3,5; Ac 2:38)
4. Confess (Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10)
5. Baptized (Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21)

This is the day
the Lord has made.
We will rejoice
and be glad in it.

— Psalm 118:24 (NLT)

Love And you must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. Deuteronomy 6:5 (NLT)

Peace May the Lord show favor toward you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:26 (NLT)

Faithfulness Great is Your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:23b (NASB)

My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song. Psalm 28:7 (NIV)

Goodness

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:6 (KJV)

Gentleness

Pursue a godly life, along with faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:11b (NLT)

Meanwhile, the saints stand passionately patient, keeping God's commands, staying faithful to Jesus. Revelation 14:12 (The Message)

Self-Control

A person without self-control is like a house with its doors and windows knocked out. Proverbs 25:28 (The Message)

Kindness

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a (NIV)

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Weekly Bible Reading

May 31 2020	Ephesians
June 1 2020	Philippians
June 2 2020	Colossians
June 3 2020	1 & 2 Thessalonians
June 4 2020	1 Timothy
June 5 2020	2 Timothy
June 6 2020	Titus & Philemon

Our religious conviction: God chose to save the world by sending His son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins (Rom 10:17). Those who choose to listen and obey the Gospel message SHALL be saved (Acts 2:38). God adds them to the Church of the Bible which His Son is coming for one day (2 The 1: 7 - 10)

food for thought

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS

Christianity was never designed to be a religion of sadness. The words JOY and REJOICE are found more than 400 times in the Bible. How could any relationship with God be anything other than the most marvelous experience one could have on this earth? When Paul described the fruit of the Spirit, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law” (Gal 5:22, 23) working in our lives, the second word used was JOY. Life with Him can never be a life of despair and gloom. Even during challenges, where is the unhappiness in Christ?

There is joy associated for those who teach others. There is great joy for those who teach. When Jesus told His disciples the fields were ready to be reaped both those who sow and reap shall rejoice together (Jn 4:36). The psalmist said those who sow shall without doubt come rejoicing (Psa 126:5, 6).

There is joy for those who are taught about Jesus. On the day of Pentecost, there were 3,000 who received the word with joy (Ac 2:41). When Philip preached in Samaria, “There was great joy in that city” (Ac 8:8). The Ethiopian “...went on his way rejoicing” (Ac 8:39). The man who found the treasure of the kingdom “...for joy over it goes and sells all he had and buys the field” (Mt 13:44). Think about your own experience. Has there ever been any day surpassing the day your sins were forgiven? What are you teaching others?

There is joy in the midst of trials as a Christian. Even when adversity comes into our lives, we are told to “...count it all joy when you fall into various trials” (Jas 1:2). James says, “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways” (Jas 1:2-8). How can this be? God

gives the answers. It is the trials in our lives which make us “...perfect and complete lacking in nothing.” We are taught to “...count it *all* joy”!! We must not focus on the trials of adversity but on their results, BUT more importantly, focus on Christ. Jesus says, “**But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you**” (Mt 6:33). He used some amazing expressions describing our response when we are hated by others for His Sake. “Rejoice in that day and leap for joy” (Lk 6:23). He does not see such times of adversity as a time to weep, BUT to rejoice. Even more than just a time for joy—a time to *leap* for joy!! Paul says, “Rejoice in the Lord *always*: *and* again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord *is* at hand” (Php 4:4, 5). Stay focused on that which is to come in Christ (2 The 1:6-12).

There is immeasurable joy awaiting us at the end of our lives. As Paul journeyed to Jerusalem for the final time he passed through many cities. There were prophets who foretold the chains and tribulations which he would face when he arrived not deterring his resolve for he longed to “...finish my race with joy” (Ac 20:24). It was this same joy Jesus spoke when His Disciples were rejoicing they had the power to cast out demons. He said, “Do not rejoice in this ... but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven” (Lk 10:20). We must “...assemble ourselves together, as the manner of some is...as we see the day approaching” (Heb 10:25).



PRAYER REQUEST

Continuous Prayers: Walter Simon, Mack & Carolyn Clouds, I.V. Jones (Bro Jones' dad), Ron Forge, Christina Jones
 Patricia Hurd, Ray & Ruby Busby (family of the Busby's), Sheila Harris, Sam Lily,
 Joel Sotelo Vazquez [Mexico City, Mexico]
 Michael McCants (Bro Ramsey's daughter father-in-law)

Sick: Arthur Henry, Dan Allen, Jerry Birdow, Jose (Bro Santos' friend),

General: Demetria Washington, Greg Owens (Bro Owens' brother), Kelvin & Michael Porter (Sis Owens' brothers),
 Simon Young, Randy Murray, Darius Bell (Bro/Sis Bell's son), Sam Lily (Sis Guthrie's stepson)
 Arthur Anderson, Felecia Langston, David Ramsey, Annett Rowlett, Mattie Stafford, Bro Ward
 Carolyn Andrews, Lucille Pipkins, Pat Harper
 Archie Greene (Unity and Leadership [Charlestown, WV])
 Patrick Roberson (Bro/Sis Owens' nephew)

UPDATES:

1. **Maria Santos:** Bro/Sis Williams mother-in-law/mother passes away (May 28, 2020 [Thursday])
2. **Sis Brenda Moore:** Request prayers for relatives and members of the body in Minneapolis, MN
3. **Duncanville Lectureship 2020:** Cancelled (05/09/2020)

Upcoming Activities/Announcements

1. **Door Knocking Campaign** Postponed until further notice.
2. **Duncanville Lectureship 2020:** **Cancelled**

June Birthdays

[06] James E. Hunter, Jr

[21] Steve Owens, Jr

[22] Mary Glaster

[30] Christ Hunter

NO Anniversary(ies)





Sermon Notes

1 Cor 9:16 - 18 “For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.”

Subject: THE GOSPEL SAVES

Scripture Reference: **ROMANS 1:16, 17**

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