**JESUS SAVES BY THE GOSPEL**

**Romans 1:16, 17**

**INTRODUCTION:**

1. The word “gospel” is found in 98 verses in the KJV [New Testament].

 A. Its extended meaning is “good news” or “glad tidings”.

2. After the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, [it] 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 is assurance guaranteeing 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.

 1. God sent His Son to pay for all MAN’S sins (Jn 3:16; Rom 5:8).

 2. Salvation is possible for all, if one would only obey God’s Desires (Tit 2:11; 2 Pet 3:9

B. Eternal LIFE is ***NOT*** merely a possibility, but a certainty for the obedient (Heb 5:9).

**2. CHRIST DIED IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SALVATION**

A. The “gospel of Christ” is the good news of God’s power and wisdom in Jesus Christ 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. IT IS THE GOSPEL THAT PRODUCES FAITH**

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. The FAITH which saves is ***NOT*** merely idle belief, **BUT** courageous, trusting and

 Obedient (Rom 1:5; Heb 5:9; Jas 2:14, 17).

 2. The New Testament reveals MAN must “obey” the gospel (Rom 10:16; 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. **BUT**, how does one obey the gospel?

 1. Belief in Jesus Christ (Jn 8:24; Heb 11:6).

 2. Confession of FAITH (Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9, 10; Php 2:11). 3. Repentance, turning from past sins (Lk 13:3, 5; Ac 2:38; 17:30; 2 Pet 3:9.

 4. Baptism for the remission of sins (Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 1 Pet 3:21).

 5. Afterwards, by steadfast faithfulness to the Lord (Col 1:22, 23; Heb 3:14; Rev 2:10).

 6. God's only means of producing saving FAITH is the gospel (Eph 1:13, 14).

**4. GOD'S SAVING POWER IS IN THE GOSPEL**

A. In the gospel, “the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith” (Rom 1:17).

 1. The “righteousness of God” is ***NOT*** His Personal Righteousness, **BUT** [we] see it is

 the justification which He makes possible for MANkind.

 A. It is His Way of making men righteous opposed to men's attempts (Rom 10:3).

B. This righteousness of God is revealed in the gospel “from faith to faith” - it is a righteousness based on the principle of FAITH and one which leads to FAITH.

C. Because the gospel reveals God's Way of making men righteous, it is “the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes” (Rom 1:16).