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Romans 1:14-17

14. "I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish.

15. So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome.

16. For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

17. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'BUT THE RIGHTEOUS *man* SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.'

The gospel truly is "the power of God for salvation" to everyone who believes it. So the big question is: Do you believe the gospel?

Interestingly, in studying with people, through the years I have found that many people say that they believe the gospel. But when asked, most people don't know God's definition of "the gospel" as given in His holy word, the Bible. Often the generic definition of the Greek word is used--that being "good news."

Yes, the gospel is good news: great news, in fact! But what exactly is the good news that we are to believe upon to access the power of God for salvation?

Paul defines “the gospel” that he is so eagerly preaching in I Corinthians 15:1-8. This text reads, “Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.”

So, God’s word defines the gospel specifically as the death, burial, resurrection, and bodily appearance of Jesus following and proving His resurrection.

One must first know what the gospel is before he can honestly believe it. Have you truly believed in the gospel of Jesus Christ? Do you have the power of His salvation?