

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST ACCORDING TO PAUL
Romans 1:16-19

INTRODUCTION:

- A. Paul was a debtor vs. 14
 - 1) He had not incurred the debt
 - 2) God had placed it on him by commissioning him to preach to all nations 1:5
 - 3) Paul was debtor to all men

- B. Paul was ready to preach vs. 15
 - 1) "To the best of my ability"
 - 2) "I am zealously committed to preach"

- I. Paul Was Not Ashamed of the Gospel vs. 16
 - A. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ"
 - 1) epaischunomai = "to be ashamed of or at", "to shame one's self upon, in or at"
 - 2) Paul did not believe that the gospel would bring shame and embarrassment upon him.

 - B. "for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first and also to the Greek"
 - 1) "power" = dunamis = "power in action"
 - 2) "believeth" = pisteuo = "to rely upon", "trust"
 - 3) The order of offering - John 1:12

- II. The Gospel Reveals God's Plan For Man's Obtaining God's Righteousness vs. 17
 - A. "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith"
 - 1) It is our way to be like God
 - 2) 1. dikaiosune, the doing or being what is just and right; the character and acts of man commanded by and approved of God, in virtue of which the man corresponds with Him and His will as His ideal and His standard; it signifies the sum total of all that God commands and approves. As such it is not only what God demands, but what He gives to man, and which is appropriated by faith; and hence it is a state called forth by God's act of justification, viz. by judicial deliverance from all that stands in the way of being dikaios, (see "RIGHTEOUSNESS.")

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 - 3) I do not crave God's power but His righteousness! To be like Jesus in His sight!
 - 4) Romans 3:21-22 - Philippians 3:8-9
 - 5) "revealed" = apokalupto = "to remove the veil or covering away from, and so to expose to open view what was before hidden;"
 - 6) "resulting from faith and leading to faith", "the truth of God never leads to less faith", "always more"

- 7) Hebrews 2:4 - ".....the just shall live by his faith"
- 8) Ephesians 2:8-9

III. Why Do We Need God's Righteousness? vs. 18

- A. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men"
- 1) "wrath" = orge = from orgao = "to teem", "to swell", It is the temper of God toward sin, His anger, wrath of reason and law (broken). Consider what sin cost God! Would we not be angered? Think of MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Drivers)
 - 2) "revealed" = apokalupto = "to remove the veil" or covering away from and expose to open view what was before hidden"
 - 3) "ungodliness" = asebeia = "impiety directed against what should be held sacred", "lack of reverence toward God"
 - 4) "unrighteousness" = adikia = "what is not conformable to dikia (right). "what ought not to be; that which ought not to be because of revealed truth" "Lack of right conduct toward men, injustice" Irreverence toward God leads to injustice against men.
- B. "who hold the truth in unrighteousness"
- 1) "hold" = katecho = echo = "to have and to hold" + kata = "down" = Put in a box and conceal, so to speak.
 - 2) "truth" = aleithia = a = no or not, a negative + leitho = "to conceal", "to place out in the open" The manifested veritable essence of a matter.
 - 3) "unrighteousness" = adikia (same as A4)
 - 4) "who by their wicked lives are suppressing the revealed truth of God"

IV. God Has Revealed Truth to Man vs. 19

- A. "Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them"
- 1) "Because" = dioti = "because" It gives the reason for that which precedes.
 - 2) "known" = to = "the thing, that which (is)" gnostos = "known", "capable of being known", "knowable"
 - 3) "manifest" = thaneros = "apparent", "visible", "conspicuous"
 - 4) "Because that which may be know of God is clear to their inner senses", "lies plainly before their eyes"

B. "for God hath shewed it unto them"

- 1) "shewed" = thaneroo = "to make open to sight", "to make manifest or apparent", "to show openly"
- 2) God has done this!
- 3) Romans 2:12-15
- 4) John 1:9 - "the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world" God consciousness is not learned, it is given by God.

V. The Gospel That Paul is Not Ashamed to Come to Rome and Preach

A. It is the power of God unto salvation

- 1) It is to be believed
- 2) It is a matter of trust

B. It tells us how to be righteous

- 1) We are unrighteous by nature
- 2) We are righteous by declaration

C. It sets aside God's wrath

- 1) We know God's displeasure of sin
- 2) Paul's gospel sets it aside

D. It's truth can be known

- 1) We have "inside" information which is the conscience of man 2:14-15
- 2) We have "outside" information, this is the written revelation, the Bible.

