The Gospel

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14 I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise. 15 So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 17 For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

Introduction

- A. The Gospel is man's greatest need
- B. The Gospel is God's greatest message
- C. The Gospel is the Christian's greatest challenge

A. Conviction (v 14)

1 Corinthians 9:16

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!

- **B.** Commitment (v 15)
 - 1. To the task

Romans 15:19-20

- 19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.
- 20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

- **B.** Commitment (v 15) continued
 - 2. To the end

Acts 20:24

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

C. Courage (v 16)

Acts 9:27-29

27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them coming in and going out at Jerusalem.

29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

A. God created us to be with Him

Genesis 1:26

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

- B. Our sin separates us from God
- **Genesis 6:5-6**
- 5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.
- 6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.

C. Sin cannot be removed by good deeds Titus 3:5

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

- D. Paying the price of sin, Jesus died and rose again 1 Corinthians 15:3-4
- 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
- 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

E. Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life John 6:47

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

F. Life that's eternal means we will be with Jesus forever in heaven

Revelation 22:5

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

III. The Consequences Of The Gospel

A. If believed

Romans 1:16b

...for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

- B. If denied
- 2 Thessalonians 1:8-9
- 8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:
- 9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

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You Have Heard It
Do You Believe It?
Are You Sharing It?