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"The Gospel of God"

Romans 1:16–17

Memory Verse: Romans 1:16

Introduction

- A. Monday is the 505th anniversary of the beginning of the Protestant Reformation.
- B. These verses were instrumental in Martin Luther's conversation.
- C. Big Idea: The gospel of God is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes in Christ.

I. There Is a Passion Inspired by the Gospel (1:16a)

- A. Do not be ashamed of the gospel message. (1 Corinthians 1:18-25)
- B. Do not be ashamed of the gospel master.

II. There Is a Power Inherent in the Gospel (1:16b)

- A. The gospel is powerful in its sufficiency. ("for salvation")
 - 1. There are many false gospels.
 - 2. The gospel of God delivers the sinner from the wrath of God and from his/her sins.
 - 3. Salvation is only in Christ (John 5:22-23; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 2:23; 1 John 5:12-13)
- B. The gospel is powerful in its universality. ("to everyone...to the Jew first and also to the Greek")
- C. The gospel is powerful in its simplicity. ("who believes")
 - 1. Believe—to trust in the promises of God, to commit, to throw your whole weight onto Jesus.
 - 2. Ephesians 2:8-9
 - 3. No one can work, worship, or will his way to God.

III. There Is a Purpose Involved with the Gospel (1:17)

- A. Righteousness is found 60 times in Romans.
- B. In Romans 1:17 the righteousness of God is NOT the righteousness that belongs to God. Rather it the righteousness that God bestows on the sinner who believes in Christ.
- C. The righteousness that God accepts is the righteousness that God gives the sinner who believes in Christ.
- D. Righteousness is NOT a work you do. It is a gift that you receive.
- E. The righteousness of God is revealed to faith, received by faith, and released through faith. (1:17b)
- F. Galatians 2:20

Conclusion

- A. Are you believing in the gospel of God?
- B. The Gospel Definition
- C. With whom do you need to sow the gospel seed?
- D. Are you chasing sticks or are you making a difference for eternity?