



# The Gospel

ROMANS 1:16-17

**THE POSTURE OF THOSE WITH THE GOSPEL**

*For I am not ashamed of the gospel ... v. 16a*

To truly know the gospel will produce \_\_\_\_\_ in it.

**THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL**

*... for it is the power of God for salvation ... v. 16b*

To truly know the gospel is to know the world's only \_\_\_\_\_.

**THE SCOPE OF THE GOSPEL**

*... to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. v. 16c*

To truly know the gospel is to understand its \_\_\_\_\_.

**THE EFFECTS OF THE GOSPEL**

*For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." v. 17*

To truly know and \_\_\_\_\_ the gospel will change your life and eternity.



**IF YOU ARE NOT IN CHRIST ... take that step of faith.**

**IF YOU ARE IN CHRIST ... don't settle for a shallow gospel.**

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# ROAD TO REDEMPTION

## DEVOTIONAL STUDY

Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal His truth and wisdom as you go through this lesson.

1. Read Romans 1:16-17. Why would Paul need to proclaim that he is not ashamed of the gospel? How should knowing the gospel produce that same confidence in us?

2. In what ways is the gospel “the power of God”? How does this power affect the way you live out your faith in everyday life?

3. Along with verse 17, read Habakkuk 2:4, Galatians 3:11 and Hebrews 10:37-39. These passages talk about the righteous living by faith. How does God *demand* righteousness of us, yet also *provide* righteousness to us? Why is it so important to understand this concept?

4. Why is the gospel the world’s only hope? What other actions do we sometimes attempt (even with good intentions) to instill God’s ways into an unredeemable culture, instead of preaching the gospel?

5. In what ways do we settle for a “shallow gospel”? How can we avoid that trap?

6. What takeaway from the sermon and these passages do you want to live out going forward? What will you take before the Lord in prayer to ask for the Spirit’s help?

“The gospel’ does not announce that everyone is safe because of what Jesus Christ has done, which is universalism. The gospel is only effective in those who believe it. Believe what, exactly? Believe the good news. What is the good news? It is the news that Jesus is the Christ and that He has done everything necessary to save us from the wrath of God. Note that Paul mentioned no other condition besides believing the good news. He said nothing about our having to do anything in addition, such as undergoing baptism, joining a church, pledging total commitment, etc. The issue is believing good news and trusting Christ. Either a person does or does not do so.”

**TOM CONSTABLE**

“First, you accept the gospel. You don’t rewrite it, reshape it, revise it or rework it. You accept it. That means the “good news” is an invitation. You’re invited to a new life of faith in Christ—forgiven of all your sins, cleansed by the work of Christ on your behalf, and set free to live a new life by the power of the Spirit. Paul will expand on all of these effects of the gospel throughout his letter to the Romans. But in order for the good news of Jesus Christ to be great news for us, we need to first accept the invitation. If you accept by simple faith the good news that Jesus Christ died for your sins and was raised from the dead, you’re in the family of God. It’s a gift, not a reward.”

**CHARLES SWINDOLL**

### A WONDERFUL OFFER

Being a Christian isn’t based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God’s love for us. Here’s how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

1. Realize that you are sinful and separated from God. (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
2. Recognize that the penalty for your sin is death—eternal separation from God and all that is good. (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
3. Understand that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and that He rose again. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
4. Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior. (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9) “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” (John 3:16 NASB) You can use this prayer to express your decision to God: “Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in Him alone as the only way to get right with You. Thank You for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.”

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

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**HOW TO DISCIPLE A NEW BELIEVER** It’s our hope to continue being disciples of Jesus who come alongside one another and grow in knowing Him more! There are different ways we can do this, and in our new Journey Class, How To Disciple a New Believer, we’ll find practical steps to encourage the faith of those around us. Want to join in? Visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/disciple](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/disciple).

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