

**General Topics :: It is the power of God (what do you know about it?)****It is the power of God (what do you know about it?) - posted by vico, on: 2007/3/13 12:07**

Romans 1:16 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth..."

In an attempt to generate some blessed fellowship i would appreciate some feedback as to what you believe to be the Gospel (THE Good News).

What is this thing that is the power of God unto Salvation?

What is this thing which to proclaim is the thrust of Christian ministry on earth?

I think that this discussion could greatly benefit many, especially many of the "newborn" on this site. With that said, I would appreciate comments from the Godly and wise of this site.

May the God of all Grace grant you the wisdom from above.

~vico

Re: It is the power of God (what do you know about it?) - posted by vico, on: 2007/3/13 18:02

...anybody?

Re: It is the power of God (what do you know about it?) - posted by JoeA (), on: 2007/3/13 19:38

Hello. :-)

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

The Gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

He died to give us forgiveness of sins, and rose again that we might walk in newness of life. That is the Good News. We don't have to be bound by sin. We can be free through Christ!

It's why Paul exclaims "Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift!"

Re: It is the power of God (what do you know about it?), on: 2007/3/13 19:43

What a great discussion!

According to scripture, The Gospel is the Good News of what GOD HAS DONE for us....IN CHRIST.

I think that is why Paul could say he was not ashamed of the Gospel. Its effectiveness to save to the uttermost was not based upon his own performance, but rather on God's faithfulness.

R.C. Sproul has a short commentary on what the heart of the Gospel is:

The heart of the Gospel:

God is holy and He is just and I am not.

At the end of my life I will have to stand before that Just and Holy God, and I will be judged. (By a Just Judge according to a perfect law...the law of love)

I can either be judged on the basis of my own righteousness, or lack of it, or on the righteousness of another.

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The good news of the Gospel is that Jesus lived a life of perfect obedience/ righteousness, not for his own well being, but for the well being of his people...all those that will believe on Him.

He is done for me what I could not possibly do for myself; he also offered himself as a perfect sacrifice to satisfy the justice and the righteous wrath of God.

One of the great misconceptions of our day is that God is not concerned to protect his own integrity. (To remain both just and merciful) We think He is a kind of wishy - washy deity who just waves a wand of forgiveness over everybody.

No, for God to forgive you and me is a very costly matter. It cost the sacrifice of His Son.

So valuable was that sacrifice that God pronounced it valuable by raising Him from the dead..

The Gospel is something objective. It is first of all a Truth apart from me. It is who Jesus is and what he did.

But, it also has a subjective dimension to it.

How are the benefits of Jesus transferred to me, or to any other human being?

How are the benefits subjectively appropriated to us? How do I get it?

The bible makes it clear, we are justified not by our efforts, deeds, works, goodness, obedience to the 10 commandments, but by faith alone...faith in Christ alone.

The only way to receive the benefit of Christ's life and death is by putting your trust in Him and in Him alone. If you do that, then God declares you righteous, and just. You are adopted into His family, you are forgiven of all of your sins, and you have begun your pilgrimage for eternity.

Re: - posted by vico, on: 2007/3/14 9:58

Thanks for your input guys!

1Timothy 1:15 This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.

Now just a thought, i don't think that many of us realize the power the backs the Gospel. I think if we did we would put a lot more faith-action to work. i think if we truly understood the promises that we have concerning God moving when the Gospel is preached, we would be more earnest in doing it!

No wonder --like the brother said-- Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel, he knew, had faith in, and acted on the faith, and so preached it!

The Lord bless you all!

Re: The Gospel, on: 2007/3/14 17:43

Please someone correct me if I am out of line:

I cannot believe that a thread discussing the depth of what the Gospel is can just roll right on through with only a couple of responses.

I think it speaks volumes about a people that choose to talk about the problems with the Church and with the world, but choose not to talk about the only solution.

Is it because we really do not understand the Gospel?

I hear alot about repentance, but repentance is not the solution folks. Repentance makes a straight path to the solution. The Gospel.

Please do not say that I don't think repentance is necessary. Repentance from sin and dead works is absolutely necessary in order to be saved.

But repentance does not empower an individual to walk with God.

The Gospel is the Power of God unto Salvation. The desire and the ability to walk with God is found in what God has already done for us.

Re: Giving your life for the Gospel - posted by vico, on: 2007/3/14 18:22

Mark 8:35 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, he shall save it.

What is this thing we are to lose our life for?

Re: It is the power of God (what do you know about it?) - posted by vico, on: 2007/3/14 21:36

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Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2007/3/14 23:50

hi would just like to add a thought. When you look back to the old priesthood and take in the picture of the tabernacle and the priest performing his duties. All the animals that were sacrificed and this all was pointing to the lamb of God. The messiah that would one day come in answer to prayers and fulfillment of prophecy. And then fast forward to now. God says he will dwell in me. now I am that tabernacle. And the fact that he died for me and i didnt deserve it. Wow this is truly Good news..... God bless you all, David

Re: It is the power of God (what do you know about it?) - posted by Goldminer (), on: 2007/3/15 0:30

Pro 25:25 cold waters to a thirsty soul, so good news from a far country.

In the strong's good news means:

1) to be good, be pleasing, be joyful, be beneficial, be pleasant, be favourable, be happy, be right

a) (Qal)

1) to be pleasant, be delightful

2) to be glad, be joyful

3) to be better

4) to be well with, be good for

5) to be pleasing

b) (Hiphil) to do well, do good, act right, act rightly

1) to hear, listen to, obey

a) (Qal)

1) to hear (perceive by ear)

2) to hear of or concerning

3) to hear (have power to hear)

4) to hear with attention or interest, listen to

5) to understand (language)

6) to hear (of judicial cases)

7) to listen, give heed

a) to consent, agree

b) to grant request

8) to listen to, yield to

9) to obey, be obedient

b) (Niphal)

1) to be heard (of voice or sound)

2) to be heard of

3) to be regarded, be obeyed

c) (Piel) to cause to hear, call to hear, summon

d) (Hiphil)

1) to cause to hear, tell, proclaim, utter a sound

2) to sound aloud (musical term)

3) to make proclamation, summon

4) to cause to be heard

Mat 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

Gospel of the Kingdom means:

1) a reward for good tidings

2) good tidings

a) the glad tidings of the kingdom of God soon to be set up, and subsequently also of Jesus the Messiah, the founder of this kingdom. After the death of Christ, the term comprises also the preaching of (concerning) Jesus Christ as having suffered death on the cross to procure eternal salvation for the men in the kingdom of God, but as restored to life and exalted to the right hand of God in heaven, thence to return in majesty to consummate the kingdom of God

b) the glad tidings of salvation through Christ

c) the proclamation of the grace of God manifest and pledged in Christ

d) the gospel

e) as the messianic rank of Jesus was proved by his words, his deeds, and his death, the narrative of the sayings, deeds, and death of Jesus Christ came to be called the gospel or glad tidings

1) to bring good news, to announce glad tidings

a) used in the OT of any kind of good news

1) of the joyful tidings of God's kindness, in particular, of the Messianic blessings

b) in the NT used especially of the glad tidings of the coming kingdom of God, and of the salvation to be obtained in it through Christ, and of what relates to this salvation

c) glad tidings are brought to one, one has glad tidings proclaimed to him

d) to proclaim glad tidings

1) instruct (men) concerning the things that pertain to Christian salvation

the kingdom means:

1) royal power, kingship, dominion, rule

a) not to be confused with an actual kingdom but rather the right or authority to rule over a kingdom

b) of the royal power of Jesus as the triumphant Messiah

c) of the royal power and dignity conferred on Christians in the Messiah's kingdom

2) a kingdom, the territory subject to the rule of a king

3) used in the N.T. to refer to the reign of the Messiah

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated into the kingdom of his dear Son:

Isa 9:2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

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The good news of the gospel is that those who walk in darkness and despair can now walk in light and joy. Good news in deed. The real power of God is manifest to the lost through the word of our testimony, just like on the thread with the video of the young man getting baptised. He was saturated with darkness and the light of God's word set him free.

Mat 4:16 The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

Jhn 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Hbr 2:15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

1Cr 15:55 O death, where thy sting? O grave, where thy victory?

1Cr 15:56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

1Cr 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The good news is that you can be translated out of darkness and despair into a totally different world of peace and joy here on earth and spend eternity in the Kingdom being a King's kid.

Re: - posted by vico, on: 2007/3/15 10:17

so, what does the Gospel mean to you personally?

woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! 1Corinthians 9:16

Re: - posted by Goldminer (), on: 2007/3/15 16:15

It means that I who once destroyed everything, including my family, with my own hands has learned how to heal with those same hands. God who is rich in mercy, did a work of restoration that was impossible any other way.

I who was dead am now alive, and bring life to others through the preaching of the word of God.

Glory :-D

Re: Good News??? - posted by vico, on: 2007/3/15 16:30

Goldminer, thanks for sharing! Amen! Glory to God! :-D

So, say I'm an unbeliever. I'm here asking a reason for the hope that is in you. I want to know, what is this good news? What are you going to tell me?

Re: - posted by JoeA (), on: 2007/3/15 20:27

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Jesus died for my sins, took my sins to the cross with Him. **When He died**, He provided forgiveness for my sins so I can have a clear conscience before God. **When He died**, my fleshly nature was crucified with Him, so that now I can live for

God with the same ease I had to sin before I knew Him. He has turned it upside down. **When He rose**, He gave hope that I too will one day rise from the dead, and in this life I can live for God.

The Gospel reaches down and touches mankind like no other thing.

*"To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world **unto Himself.**"*

Re: - posted by free2bee63 (), on: 2007/3/17 1:23

The gospel is Jesus. Because of Jesus, I am now a son of God.

My father loves me so much, he gave up his only deserving son (a part of himself, because he was one with Jesus and the Holy Spirit) to become sin, so that I can now come into my Father's presence as a righteous son, without blame. I am now one with my Father, because when I professed my faith that Jesus died for me, the old me died with him, and the new me was born. He also deposited the Holy Spirit inside of me. I can now walk with him everyday; living life with, and being led by Him.

Later I was baptised in the Spirit (which is the power) and with fire.

My God is a jealous God. He wants to be with his children.

Re: It is the power of God (what do you know about it?), on: 2007/3/20 1:02

Hi vico,

This is a slightly cryptic response, though not intended to be perverse in any way. It needs the reader to join up the thinking, just a little, and is in complete agreement with what has been posted already here.

Luke 2:14

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Genesis 2:7

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Psalms 24:1

The earth is the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

John 3

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Romans 6

5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also of resurrection:

6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.

He was baptized into what we had become. He was united with it so that the judgement that came upon Him came upon it. Once and for all. He was baptized into 'our death' and we must be baptized into His. He was united by baptism to what we were and we are united by baptism (not water) to what he is.

He became Sin and the judgement that was wreaked upon Him was wreaked upon Sin. Not 'sins'; they had to be forgiven but Sin cannot be forgiven it must be executed.

by philologos, 2006/9/4.

Romans 8

There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath **made me free from the law of sin and death.**

3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Romans 6:4

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.