

Gospel is Universal, All Need It

Matthew 28:19

The Gospel is for All

For both Jew and Gentile, Romans 1:16
Felix & Drusilla:
Felix- a Greek, a slave, a Governor
Drusilla- a Jew, a Princess, a Queen
Paul's audience- a Greek, a Jew, a
slave, a ruler (Governor), Royalty

Gospel is for All - All Need It

Felix & Drusilla needed it, Acts 24:24

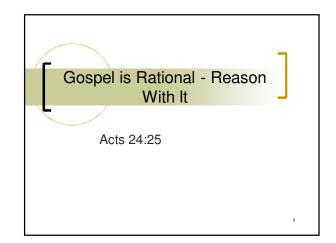
"With every kind of cruelty & lust, he exercised the authority of a king with the temper of a slave." (Tacitus) Proverbs 19:10

An Adulteress

Everybody Needs It

All have sinned - Romans 3:23

All to be judged - Acts 17:30, 2 Corinthians 5:10.



The gospel is rational

Words of truth and reason,

Acts 26:24-26

Not devised by man, *Isaiah* 55:8-9

Wisdom & power of God, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25



Must reason from the gospel

To persuade sinners, *Acts* 24:25; 2 Corinthians 5:11 From the scriptures, *Acts* 17:2-3 not our wisdom



Courageously Speak What People Need

Acts 28:31

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Address needs of audience

- Seutonius and Tacitus (Roman Historians) Also Mention Felix
- "Claudius was equally fond of Felix, giving him the command of cohorts and of troops of horse, as well as of the province of Judaea; and he became the husband of three queens."
- Seutonius Lives of the Twelve Caesars - Claudius 28

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- "Not equally moderate was his brother, surnamed Felix, who had for some time been governor of Judaea, and thought that he could do any evil act with impunity, backed up as he was by such power."
- · Tacitus Annals Book 12

Address needs of audience

The hearer, Felix, one who might have executed Paul

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Paul had the COURAGE to speak, *Ephesians 6:19-20 Utterance and boldness*

And he preached faith in Christ Jesus
Paul preached the gospel, what they needed to hear, not what
they wanted to hear 1 Corinthians 9:16

All of us, Galatians 6:10

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Righteousness,

The condition or state of being accepted or approved by God

Felix and Drusilla were in sin Romans 3:23

Spoke of faith in Christ in order to obtain righteousness, *Romans 3:21-22 Could you imagine Paul NOT telling them HOW to become righteous!*

Address needs of audience

Expose Sin Ephesians 5:11.

Self-control, *Adultery, Cruelty, Lust*"The virtue of one who masters his desires and passions, esp. his sensual appetites."

(Thayer, 167)

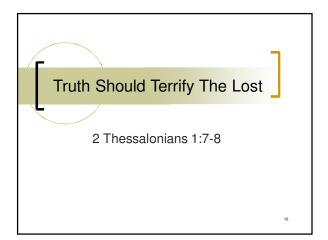
We need self-control to do right thing, 2
Peter 1:6 (James 4:17) 1 Corinthians 9:25
Repentance applied (Acts 26:20)

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Consequences of Sin

Judgment to come, *Acts 17:30-31*We also face that day, *Romans 14:12*Fearful thing to be unprepared, *Hebrews 10:31*

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God's truth terrifies sinners

A point of decision that has eternal results, *Acts 24:25*

"Thrown into fear" (Thayer, 209)
Fear leading to obedience, *Acts 10:35*Fear leading to denial & rejection of truth
... lost, *John 3:19-21*





Do Not Delay... Obey Now
2 Corinthians 6:2

Do Not Delay

- We do not know what tomorrow will bring James 4:14
- Felix Acts 24:26-27, still with Drusilla, called to Rome to answer to Nero, divorces Drusilla, marries a third time, therefore doubtful he obeyed the gospel, do not know his fate after seeing Nero.

Do Not Delay

- Drusilla Probably had not obeyed the Gospel by the end of two years. Died in the eruption of Vesuvius in 79 AD, at the approximate age of 37 to 40
- We do not know whether either one had another opportunity to obey the Gospel

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