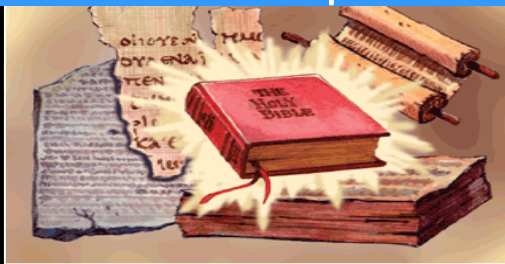


The All Sufficiency Of The Gospel



Romans 1:16-17

The Gospel Is Perfect

- That which is perfect cannot be improved upon by adding or subtracting! **Rev. 22:18-19**
- The Law of Moses could not bring perfection. **Heb. 7:19; 10:1**
- The Holiest of all was not made manifest, while the first tabernacle was standing. **Heb. 9:8**

The Gospel Is Perfect

- It is perfect because it came from God. **(1Cor. 2:6-13)**
 - H.S. promised by Jesus. **(John 14:26; 15:26; 16:12-13)**
 - H.S. Came. **(Acts 2)**
 - Preached **(1 Cor. 2:1)**
 - Written down. **(Eph. 3:1-4)**

The Gospel Is Powerful

- “Power” from Gk. Word, “*Dunamis*,” “*universally, inherent power, power residing in a thing by virtue of its nature, or which a person or thing exerts and puts forth.*” (*Thayer's Greek Lexicon*)
 - This is the word from which we get the words “dynamic,” “dynamo,” and “dynamite”

The Gospel Is Powerful

- The gospel is not a feeble and ineffectual instrumentality. **(cf. 2 Cor. 10:4; 1 Pet. 5:8; Eph. 6:10-11)**

The Gospel Is Powerful

- The Gospel is powerful “**UNTO SALVATION.**”
 - Complete deliverance from sin and death. **(Rom. 1:18ff; 2:1ff; 3:23; Gal. 3:10-11)**
 - Can't save souls without the preaching of the gospel. **(Mk. 16:15-16)**

The Gospel Is Complete

- It is adequate to meet the demands of humanity. (2 Pet. 1:3ff)
- “Where the Bible speaks we speak, where the Bible is silent, we are silent” (cf. 1 Pet. 4:11)

The Gospel Is Complete

- The gospel is sufficient to make man everything God wants man to be. 2 Tim. 3:16-17

The Gospel Is Complete

- Facts about 2 Tim. 3:16-17...
- “Given by inspiration of God”
- “Profitable”
 - For Doctrine
 - For Reproof. Eph. 5:11; 2 Tim. 4:2
 - For Correction. cf. Prov. 15:10
 - For Instruction in righteousness (cf. Titus 2:11ff)
- “That the man of God may be complete!”

The Gospel Is Enduring

- Mt. 24:35 Word will not pass away
- 1 Pet. 1:25 Word abideth
- Unmoved, fixed permanent!
- Needed:
 - Man has not changed physically and morally.
 - Sin has not changed.
 - Satan has not changed.

The Gospel Is The Standard By Which We Will Be Judged

- John 12:48 *“He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day.”*
- Rom 2:16 *“in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel, by Jesus Christ.”*

Question:

- Since the word of the Lord (the gospel), is perfect, powerful, complete, enduring, standard of Judgment... Why does it not save all men???

Answer:

- God has assured us that when His word is preached that it shall not return unto Him void. (*Isa. 55:11*)
- If it does not save all men, it is not because God does not will it so. (*1 Tim. 2:4; 2 Pet. 3:9*)
- The trouble is... some will not come to God!
John 5:40 "and ye will not come to me, that ye may have life."

Conclusion:

- If you are not a Christian....
Hear the gospel, Rom. 10:17.
Believe the Gospel, Mark 16:15-16.
Repent of sins, Acts 2:38.
Confess faith in Jesus, Acts 8:37.
Be Baptized, Acts 22:16; Gal. 3:26-27.
- Obey the gospel "*which is the power of God unto salvation*" (*Rom. 1:16; 2 Thess. 1:7ff*)