

AM Sermon Notes

Text: *Romans 1:16-17*

Title: *The Glorious Gospel*

Central Truth: As Christians we have good news to share with the world that we can be made right with God through faith in Jesus.

I. v. 16: The Power of the Gospel

Gospel (Greek - *euangelion*) It means good news or good message. This word gives us our English words such as evangelism or evangelical.

Power (Greek - *dunamis*) It gives us the word dynamite. It speaks of having great power or force. Yet, unlike dynamite which is a destructive power - the Gospel has a delivering, converting, soul transforming, divine power!

Believes - Saving faith is more than just a mental thing - it is placing our faith, trust in Jesus!

II. v. 17: The Provision of the Gospel

Righteousness of God - Unlike us, righteousness is one of God's main attributes. Here Paul is referring to the righteousness or right standing that God gives to us.

Revealed (Greek - *apokalupto*) It means to uncover, to unveil. The Gospel is not something that people just naturally know or can figure out or discover on their own. Salvation comes to us by a transaction through faith (*c.f. Habakkuk 2:4*). At the moment of conversion God does a swap-out. He transfers, credits, imputes Jesus' righteousness to us while transferring our sin to Jesus' account.

Three Tenses in Salvation

1. **Past:** (*Justification*) - saved from the **penalty** of sin
2. **Present:** (*Sanctification*) - saved from the **power** of sin
3. **Future:** (*Glorification*) - saved from the **presence** of sin