

Give the Gospel

Romans 12:1 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also the Greek.”

❖ Intro:

- Why This?
- Why Now?
- As A Pastor: My job is to prepare you for your Purpose.
 - Our Main purpose as Believers is the telling of the gospel to those who do not believe.
 - Jesus came to seek the Lost and so should we.
 - It is our God ordained task.
- Sadly... Most people do not know where to start...
 - So I want to help you.
 - Many of you in here have grown spiritually and in your knowledge of the Lord over the last year.
 - It is time to move forward in your faith
 - And be prepared to share it and defend it clearly and with confidence.
- Illustration:
 - When a young person graduates high school or college
 - It is not time to stay in school...
 - Not time to move back in with the parents...
 - It is time to seek a job... become dependent...
 - Often times start a family
- Today:
 - Going to look at Rom 1:16...
 - Gonna go through this verse and try to understand where Paul is coming from
 - And what He is telling us
 - And how this should create confidence in us

❖ Paul was Not Ashamed

- **For I am not ashamed...**
- What does it mean to be ashamed?
 - Congregation
- What is the opposite of shame?
 - Congregation
- Paul had just said that he was “eager to preach the gospel to those who were in Rome”
- Why was Paul unashamed of the Gospel
 - It had completely transformed Him
 - God had given Him truth through it
 - He had seen it change many lives
 - Through it He saw How sinful people bound for eternal hell, could be saved from that fate
 - He saw that all other ways in this world were FOOLISHNESS... And the gospel was the truth..
 - He could not be ashamed of the Truth...

- Even if everyone around Him believed in a lie...
- Paul had confidence in the gospel
- Paul was not ashamed of the Gospel because it was Powerful Good News
- How About You? Are You ashamed?
 - I am not asking if you are afraid... fear comes to all men...
 - Do you have the God given courage to speak when the time comes...
 - Do you see the Gospel as something so Powerful and truthful and life changing that you want others to hear it?

❖ **Paul Knew the Power of the Gospel**

- **...for it is the Power of God for salvation**
- **Power**
 - Something strong and mighty
 - Like dynamite...
 - It can blast through the hearts of stone...
- **Why is it powerful?**
 - **Vs 17 says... "For in it... the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith"**
 - It opens people's eyes to their own sins..
 - And it helps them see the righteousness of God and their need for Him
 - And it creates Faith in the person's heart and mind....
- **The Power of the gospel**
 - Practically this means...
 - That within your heart and your mind lies a something so powerful it can change the destructive course of any man...
 - You can take this power and give it to others and they will be changed...
- **Speaking the Gospel**
 - I do not want to speak against the importance of living out a godly life before men
 - This is extremely important...
 - And it does help people come to know the Lord...
 - You actions are very important...
 - But there is an overwhelming importance in telling the Gospel...
 - In Rom 10 Paul says that Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God...
 - So we must know how to speak it and not just live it out...
 - If a person only sees you acting right and good they may consider you a nice Christian person
 - Maybe a mormom, maybe a Jehovah's Witness, Maybe a good Muslim...
- **It is the Telling of the Gospel that Speaks to the Heart**
 - It is the telling of the gospel that reveals the righteousness of God to the unbeliever...
- **We can take confidence**
 - That when we tell people the gospel...
 - God will work supernaturally within that person... Not because of how good we do it
 - But because He is at work in His word....
 - God's word is Alive and we must trust that!

❖ Paul Knew Salvation Came Through the Gospel

- For it is the power of God unto salvation to all who believe, to the Jew first and also to the Greek

➤ That last statement

- About the Jew and the Greek...
- Is just distinguishing that the Gospel first came to the Jewish people through Jesus Christ and His disciples...
 - But it is also for the greek... for the non Jew... this is not a national religion...
 - It is a universal Faith that allows people to know God.

➤ Salvation to all who believe

- Salvation:
 - Saving from being Lost.
 - Problem: Most people do not think about this!
 - ◆ Many people fail to see their lostness...
- People are Lost... they are dying... they are on an express lane to Hell
 - And they do not care cause they do not know...
 - They are like the Blind man heading for the edge of the cliff...
 - And He has no idea what lies before Him... He is blind...
 - And there are people around Him... Some don't see what lies ahead...others see but say nothing...

➤ Saving the Blind Man

- The blind man is on a course of destruction...
- If a person will shout to the Blind man...
 - "Hey... You are heading toward the edge of the cliff... turn around and walk the other way"
 - If He will believe that person and listen...
 - He will be saved from the Fall...

➤ The Gospel is Salvation because it Saves people from Eternal Destruction...

- And it continues to save and draw us close to God...
- Salvation means saving
- We are saved out of the blindness that Satan has enveloped us in...
- And we are brought into the glorious kingdom of God...

❖ What is the Gospel....

➤ I did not focus yet on the most important part of this verse... The Gospel...

- Because I want to focus on what it is by giving it to you in such a way
- That you can give it to others...

➤ Briefly: The Gospel is the Good News of Jesus Christ that will Save sinners...

- But the gospel must be explained to the lost person

➤ When I share the gospel... I do it in steps...

- I do it in steps that seem logical to me... (Having watched and listened and read how many people share the gospel.)
 - You have different methods out there of explaining it like
 - ◆ The Roman Road
 - ◆ Or the EvangeCube that has pictures...

◆ All kinds of ways to help people remember what to say and when...

➤ **I break it down into a few truths from the Bible and explain each one to the person**

- 1) The Certainty of Death for all people
- 2) The Law – Have I been good enough to get into Heaven
- 3) Judgment – How will that person be Judge by God
- 4) Grace- Life of Jesus, His Coming promised, Perfect life, His death and what it meant, His resurrection and what that means...
- 5) Receive-

❖ **1) The Certainty of Death for All People**

- To understand why it is such good news... we need to see the bad news first, if not, good news will make no sense...
- I just use two verses:
 - Hebrews 9:27²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,
 - Romans 14:12¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

❖ **2) The Law**

- Have I been good enough to get into Heaven
- Just use the Ten Comandments...
 - Normally 4 or 5 will do...
 - Lie, steal, adultery, blasphemy
 - Could use: , putting God first, no idols, murder same as hate, dishonoring mother and father
- They have done all normally... even if they do not admit to all...
 - Some hearts are harder than others...
- It is here that they often laugh a little through it...
 - Kinda say... haha... I have done it all...
 - But then when we look at the penalty for such things, it is not as funny anymore...
- All Have sinned...
 - Romans 3:23²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
 - But I want them to see themselves for themselves... not lumped in with everyone else...

❖ **3) Judgment**

- How will that person be Judge by God
 - Revelation 21:8⁸ But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”
 - 1 Corinthians 6:9-10⁹ Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.
 - Generally I just point out that those sins they admitted to will keep them out of heaven and into hell.

- It is important that the person understand that their individual sins are grievous in the eyes of God

- God is a Good Judge... Doesn't let law breaking go unpunished...
- Then I Ask the questions:
- Will You be innocent or guilty?
- Does this concern you?

❖ 4) Grace

- Life of Jesus, His Coming promised, Perfect life, His death and what it meant, His resurrection and what that means...
 - 2 Corinthians 5:21 ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
 - Isaiah 53:4-6 ⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
- There are hundreds of verses you can use here...

❖ 5) Receive

- **Tell them they can receive Jesus...**
- Explain... Just cause Jesus dies for our sins... Doesn't mean it works for everyone...
 - It must be applied to their account
 - I explain a little of the blood applied to the door post of the Hebrew in Egypt
 - I explain His blood must be applied to your account
- **This is done through Repentance and Faith...**
 - Both are works of God's Spirit... So I tell them they should pray that they may be able to do this...
 - And then Repent... And Trust or have Faith or Believe... however it makes sense to them...
- I explain what Peter told those who wanted to be saved when He was preaching...
 - Acts 2:37-38 ³⁷ Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" ³⁸ And Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- **Follow:**
 - Peter followed
 - Matthew Followed...
 - Follow is a great way to explain what the person who gets saved does ... they follow...
 - They turn away from what they were doing and follow someone or something they believe in...
- **Receive Him... Pray and Ask to be Saved**
- John 1:12 ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,
- Romans 10:8-13 ⁸ But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and

believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³ For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

❖ The Gospel is for the Believer

- The believer should never stray from it...
- Should always hold close to it...
- Unless their be found in them an evil and unbelieving heart...
- The Believer MUST know and understand the gospel... They Must... There is no excuse...