

## **The Power of the Gospel**

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Thank you so much for choosing to worship with us today. We are thrilled that you are here!

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*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.  
Roman 1:16-17*

Of course, I have a question. Have we lost the confidence in the power of the scripture above? The question is not to insinuate that we don't believe the Gospel. It is not to assume that we don't teach the Gospel. It is also not to infer that we believe salvation is part of some process on our part.

Paul writes that the gospel is the power of God for salvation to everyone. Surprisingly simple and straight forward. Not bogged down with opinions, traditions, and human expectations. Available to everyone who believes!

How can we, as churches and individuals, use the power of the gospel to change the world we live in? The gospel is the power of God. Not our programs. Not our locations. Not the name on the door. Not our worship. Not our individual beliefs. Not our opinions. The gospel.

The gospel. The good news of God sending his son Jesus to the world. Jesus living the only perfect life to show us how to live. Jesus perfectly obeying God by suffering the death on the cross and burial to cover our sins. And most importantly rising from the dead to break the hold of death – physically and spiritually.

Belief in the gospel prompts obedience. Obedience that includes faith, repentance, confession, baptism, works, love, growth, maturity, etc. Obedience not because our actions save us. But obedience because the gospel saves us. "It is the power of God for salvation!"

Share the power of the gospel today!

All Things for Christ,  
Michael