

The Gospel: God's Power for Salvation
Romans 1:16-17 ~ July 30, 2017
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I. THE ESSENCE OF CHRISTIANITY

II. THE GOSPEL: GOD'S POWER FOR SALVATION
Romans 1:16-17

A. NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL
Romans 1:16a; Mark 8:38; Romans 1:18

B. THE GOSPEL IS GOD'S POWER FOR SALVATION
Romans 1:16b

1. **Salvation is the main need of every person.**

2. **Salvation requires the very power of God.**

C. THE GOSPEL REVEALS GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS
Romans 1:17

1. **Salvation demands that the righteousness of God be upheld and applied to the guilty sinner.**
Romans 1:7; 5:8; 3:21-26; Philippians 3:9

2. **Salvation is by faith from start to finish.**

- a. **Saving faith in Christ is not a general belief that He is the Savior.**
- b. **We must have a heart response to the truth of the gospel.**
- c. **Saving faith includes commitment to Christ.**

3. **We need to understand what Paul means by the phrase, "from faith to faith."**

III. "TO THE JEW FIRST AND ALSO TO THE GREEK"