

Facts About The Gospel

(Romans 1:14-17)

- Introduction:
1. Because all men are sinners (Romans 3:23), man's greatest need is the gospel (good news) of Jesus.
 2. Consequently, as the apostle Paul begins his letter to the Romans, he boldly affirmed that he was prepared to unashamedly proclaim the gospel to the world (Romans 1:15-17).
 3. In this lesson, I would like to bring to your attention one point from each of these three verses.

I. Procurement Of The Gospel

- A. (Romans 1:5; 16:26).
- B. Obedience is necessary for the gospel to do any good in us.

II. The Preparation For The Gospel.

- A. (Romans 1:15).
- B. Apostles had an advantage (Matthew 10:19-20).
- C. This passage obligates us to:
 1. Know our Bibles (2 Timothy 2:15).
 2. Be bold and courageous (2 Timothy 4:1-4).
 3. Have a passion for the lost (Romans 9:2-3).

II. The Power Of The Gospel

- A. (Romans 1:16).
- B. It is the gospel that is the power of God unto salvation.
- C. If the gospel saves, what need then is there of "latter day revelation?"
- D. Furthermore, it is through the gospel that men are saved and not through a direct operation of the Holy Spirit.

III. The Proclamation Of The Gospel

- A. (Romans 1:17).
- B. The contents of the gospel proclaim the righteousness of God.
- C. (Romans 10:3).
- D. "From faith to faith" - (Galatians 2:16).

- Conclusion:
1. Within our grasp we possess the world's greatest need.
 2. Will we prepare ourselves and unashamedly proclaim it, or will we selfishly keep it to ourselves?
 3. If you embrace it and proclaim it, some will hate you, but that's just a part of the price we pay for being a Christian (John 15:18-19).
 4. Whatever Christianity may cost us in this life, is more than recompensed in the next life.