



THE POWER

of the Gospel

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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 to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Romans 1:16 ESV

THE GOSPEL IS:

- Evangelistic
- Good News
- It is the message of Jesus

**"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."**

Luke 4:18-19 ESV

I. THE GOSPEL CHANGES ME FIRST

"If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ."

Philippians 3:4-7 ESV

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II. THE GOSPEL RE-ALIGNS US TO OUR DESTINY

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2:10 ESV

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III. THE GOSPEL MAKES YOU AND ME A WITNESS

JOHN 1:35-43

JESUS CALLS THE FIRST DISCIPLES

"The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" (POINTED TO JESUS) The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see."

So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. (**BRING THEM TO JESUS**) Jesus looked at him and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

JOHN 1:35-43

Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael

"The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." "

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IV. THE GOSPEL CHANGES COMMUNITIES

- The gospel has the potential of changing the community where God has placed us.
- THE GOSPEL does not only change us, but it changes our community also.

