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We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail: an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles" by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the 20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

# Salvation: Revealed in the Gospel

The apostle Paul declared in Romans 1:16, the keynote verse of the book of Romans: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." God has provided the powerful means for our salvation. On our own, without the gospel, we are without the power and strength to save ourselves. *Gospel* means "good news." The good news is this: "For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly" (Rom. 5:6).

God's word, the gospel, reveals to us the righteousness of God (Rom. 1:17). While God's character is righteous, this is not what Romans 1:17 is referring to; indeed, the way that man can be made righteous or justified by faith is what is under consideration in the book of Romans. God's word reveals the path to righteousness through faith. Romans 1:17 says, "For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith." The axiom of Habakkuk 2:4, "The just shall live by faith" is quoted here and at other key places in the New Testament (cf. Gal. 3:11; Heb. 10:38). God has revealed in His word righteousness that comes through faith in Jesus Christ (Rom. 10:17).

This righteousness is not flawlessly keeping the law of Moses, but rather faithfully following the Lord Jesus. Paul gave up all the credentials of law-keeping under Judaism for Christ (Phil. 3:4-8). This he did, as he went on to explain, "And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith."

The gospel is called "the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus" in Romans 8:2; it delivers us from the law of sin and death. The oft-repeated general truth, or law, in the lives of humans is sin leads to death (James 1:15). In other words, we all sin (Rom. 3:23). Sin deserves death, but through Jesus Christ we can receive the gift of salvation (Rom. 6:23).

We have to obey the gospel, the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, in order to be freed from sin and death. Many were obedient to the faith, the gospel in the book of Acts (Acts 6:7). Romans is written for obedience to the faith (Rom. 1:5; 16:26). This obedience involves calling on the name of the Lord (Rom. 10:13). This is not a prayer, but rather obedience to the gospel that results in baptism (Acts 22:16). The equivalent of "calling on the name of the Lord" in Romans 10:13 is obeying the gospel in Romans 10:16; they who "have not all obeyed the gospel" have not either heard the message of the gospel (vv. 14, 17), or believed it (v. 16) to the point of obeying. Those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel will suffer everlasting destruction (2 Thess. 1:7, 8). The gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus (1 Cor. 15:1-4). Romans 6:17 and 18 say those who have been made freed from sin have obeyed from the heart the form (pattern) of teaching. Baptism is where one is united with the form (pattern) of Jesus Christ in death, burial, and resurrection (Rom. 6:3-7).

The gospel is powerful. God has revealed in it the way to be saved and stand righteous in his sight through faith. Do you believe it? Have you obeyed it?

-Mark Day

# News & Notes



#### **Today's Sermons**

**AM:** There Is Power in the Blood **PM:** The Righteousness of Faith

### PM Scripture Reading:

Romans 3:21-30

- 21 But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,
- 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference:
- 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- 24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
- 25 whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed.
- 26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
- 27 Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith.
- 28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith apart from the deeds of the law.
- 29 Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also the God of the Gentiles? Yes, of the Gentiles also.
- 30 since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

Attendance & Contribution Goals			
	10/29/23	Goal	10/30/22
<b>Bible Study</b>	73	90	84
<b>AM Worship</b>	110	130	113
PM Worship	70	90	93
Mid Week	66	90	nc
Contribution:	\$7247.46	\$6000.00	\$5928.00

#### Dates to Remember

Nov 11 – Youth (& Parent) devotional & game night 5-8pm – see Jeremiah Smith for food details

Nov 19 - Elders, Deacons and Preacher meeting - 4:30p - annex

<u>Dec 2</u>– Ladies Holiday Party– 6:30p at Kathy Hall's home– details to follow



# 🔊 Today's Servants 🗷

# WELCOME:

AM/PM: Greg Hall

# **SONG LEADER:**

AM: Nathan Adkins PM: Braydon Snell

# FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Chris Scott
PM: Jeremiah Smith

# LORD'S TABLE\*:

Presiding AM: Mark Parks
Assisting: Jordan Conley,
JC Hughes, David Morckel,
Blake Hern, Jacob Martin,
Terry Fouts, Matt Vonderheide

Presiding PM: Chris Scott
Assisting: Jacob Brown
\*gluten-free bread

### **CLOSING PRAYER:**

AM: John Gambill
PM: George Wallace
SCRIPTURE READING:
PM: Jackson Morris

# >> Wednesday Servants @

**WELCOME:** Greg Conley **SONG LEADER:** Nathan Adkins

**PRAYER:** JC Hughes **DEVOTION:** Greg Hall

# **№ Weekly Servants ७**

LIVE STREAM: Jackson Morris
POWER POINT: Chris Legg
BLDG. ATT.: Mark Day
COORDINATOR: Nathan Parks
ATTENDANCE: John Gambill

# \*\*\*\* Youth Notes \*\*\*\*

# \*\*\*\* Sundays \*\*\*\*

# **Pew Packers**

5:45pm

in front of the auditoriumgeared to age 12 & under but everyone is welcome.

\*\*\*\* Nov 11 \*\*\*\*

# Youth Devo & Game

Night 5-8pm-

Parents are invited-

See Jeremiah Smith about food and soft drinks



# Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today.

If you are a first-time visitor with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with free tracts and literature. We also have Bible correspondence courses you can sign up to receive by mail at no cost to you. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an in-home Bible study. Thank you for attending.