**Sermon Series:**

***How Did We Get Here?***

*(a verse-by-verse study of Romans 1, 2)*

**First Things First** *(Part 2)*

**Romans 1:16-18**

**I.** The ***Gospel*** Of God

 **v 16** - “For I am not ashamed ***of the Gospel***…”

**A.** It Displays God’s Sovereign ***Power***

**v 16** - “For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, ***for it is the power of God***…”

**B.** **It Reveals God’s Singular** .

**v 16** - “it is the power of God ***for salvation”***

The word ***‘salvation’*** comes from a Greek word that means “safety, preservation, deliverance.” It carries the idea of “being rescued from \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”

Apart from the saving grace of Jesus Christ, the ultimate end of every sinner everywhere is eternal \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The most \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_ of every soul is complete forgiveness, peace with God and a never-ending future - and ***only*** the Gospel can provide it.

**“*to everyone who believes*”** - In other words, the Gospel message is activated in our lives through \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. ***(Ephesians 2:8-9)***

When it comes to salvation, the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ plays no part in it - it is all of \_\_\_\_\_!

**C.** **It Is** **Sealed By God’s Solemn** .

**v 16** - “…it is the power of God for salvation ***to everyone who believes****…****”***

The Gospel message is for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, for no one is beyond the reach of the Gospel of grace!

The promise of God is that anyone who ***hears*** the Gospel message, sees their ***need*** for salvation and comes to Jesus by faith, will be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by God's precious grace.

There’s nothing that can prevent anyone who wants to be saved from being saved. Nothing, that is, except the sin of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**II. The Of God**

**v 17** - “For in it ***the righteousness of God*** is revealed from faith for faith…”

What Paul was saying was that the product of the Gospel in the life of the repentant believer is ***“righteousness”***- \_\_\_\_\_\_ righteousness*.*

Man’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is that he thinks he is already righteous, and is therefore acceptable to God - but he isn’t.

What man can’t do by his own \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, God does for him by His divine \_\_\_\_\_\_\_!

All we need to do in order to see the Gospel work is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ it.

**III. The Of God**

**v 18** - “For ***the wrath of God*** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men…”

Those who don’t receive ***The Righteousness of God****,* which only comes from believing ***The Gospel of God****,* will ultimately \_\_\_\_\_\_ ***The Wrath of God****!*

If you have not received ***The Righteousness of God,***you’re \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ under ***The Wrath of God*** - you just haven’t faced it in all of its eternal fury and never-ending horror.

**Conclusion:**

***Given all that we’ve seen, now do you understand why***

***Paul said that he was ‘not*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* ***of the Gospel?’***

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