

Intro

1. Reaching beyond the wall means that people outside the walls get to enjoy what we've found.
2. Stepping out to share the gospel can be scary.
3. We need to understand what the gospel is, and the power that is in it.

Read: Gen 49:22, Romans 1:1-4, 16-17

Romans 1:1-4 – This is a letter from Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, chosen by God to be an apostle and sent out to preach His good news. God promised this good news long ago through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures. The good news is about His son, Jesus. In His early life He was born in King David's family line, and He was shown to be the Son of God when He was raised from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit. He is Jesus Christ our Lord...

Romans 1:16-17 – For I am not ashamed of this Good News about Christ. It is the power of God at work, saving everyone who believes – the Jew and also the Gentile. This Good News tells us how God makes us right in His sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith. As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

I. The Gospel Is The Power Of God At Work

*Rom 1:16 - It is the **power of God at work**, saving everyone who believes.*

The gospel is more than just words.

A. The gospel is more than just a story or a set of facts.

Not about getting all the facts or details in the story right or the words you use. 39 stripes, 3 or 4 nails, robbers or thieves.

B. The gospel is more than an argument or a logical presentation of facts.

- i. Preaching the gospel is not speaking to the mind, it is speaking to the spirit. *CG outreach, Street E.*
- ii. Not about convincing someone the gospel is true.

- iii. Not about winning a debate or overcoming logic - it's completely illogical.

C. The gospel is good news - that there is salvation.

This is the message of good news for the people of Israel - that there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

- Acts 10:36

D. When the gospel is preached, the POWER of God is at work.

- i. It is not dependant on our words or ability to speak.
- ii. God begins to work in their hearts and minds.

The gospel doesn't just stop at salvation, it has the power to turn someone's life around. (This is why Next Step is so important, we don't want to just stop at salvation when there is so much more!)

II. The Gospel Has The Power To Change Lives

A. The power of God to forgive.

God did this to demonstrate His righteousness, for He himself is fair and just, and He declares sinners to be right in His sight when they believe in Jesus.

- Rom 3:26

B. The power of God to transform.

This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace.

- Col 1:6

C. The power of God to cleanse.

But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

- 1 Cor 6:11

D. The power of God to heal.

Jesus travelled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. - Matt 4:23

E. The power of God to redeem.

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. - Eph 1:7

III. The Power Of The Gospel Is Released In Our Obedience

For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

- Rom 10:13-15

A. We all have a decision to make with the gospel.

- i. Accept or reject it. (*Unbelievers*)
- ii. Keep it or preach it.

B. The effectiveness of the gospel has nothing to do with our ability and everything to do with our obedience.

There is power, but none of it goes to work if we don't obey and preach.

C. When we obey and share the gospel, God's power begins to move.

Conclusion

When we declare the gospel, the power of God goes to work! So we can be bold and preach with no fear. Whether or not people experience the power of the gospel is contingent on our obedience! You do the declaring, the **power** of the Gospel does the saving.

Salvation Call

The gospel has the power to save you, but you still need to make a choice to believe in it!

Ministry Time (Stay in seats/pray with Connect Group)

Receive a revelation of the power of the gospel.

Pray for each other for one area of the power of the gospel to be at work in our lives.

Pray for each other to step out in obedience and share the gospel.