

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

Acts 16:30

Learn The Gospel

John 6:45; Romans 10:17;

Believe On GOD In CHRIST

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16

Confess CHRIST

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

Repent Of Sin

Acts 3:19; 17:30

Be Baptized Into CHRIST

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6

Remain Steadfast

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

“Let The Word... Dwell In You Richly”

Colossians 3:16

The current memory assignment is: *“The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth”* (Matthew 13:41-42).

Commit this passage to heart.

“The Assembling Of Ourselves Together”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Sunday

10:15 am.....Worship

Las Vegas Library

833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Tuesday

7:00 pm.....Ladies' Study

Winstead residence

Wednesday

7:00 pm.....Study & Worship

Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

**Visitors Welcome.
Members Expected.**

“Give Attention To Reading”

1st Timothy 4:13

Sunday...Psalm 86; 1st Kings 7:13-8:21; Acts 10:23-43

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Tuesday...Proverbs 30; 1st Kings 9:1-10:29; Acts 11:19-30

Wednesday...Proverbs 31; 1st Kings 11:1-12:11; Acts 12:1-17

Thursday...Ecclesiastes 1; 1st Kings 12:12-13:25; Acts 12:18-13:12

Friday...Proverbs 1; 1st Kings 13:26-15:15; Acts 13:13-41

Saturday...Ecclesiastes 2; 1st Kings 15:16-16:34; Acts 13:42-14:7

“Sound Doctrine”

Titus 2:1

IT WOULD DO NO GOOD

Louis Cochran

While passing a Methodist camp meeting one day, pioneer preacher “Raccoon” John Smith stopped to watch a young Methodist preacher baptize a howling, rebellious infant by sprinkling water on the squirming body. When the service was concluded, he stepped to the front of the crowd and, identifying himself, took the preacher firmly by the arm and attempted to lead him toward the creek a few yards away.

“What are you trying to do, Brother Smith?” the young preacher protested. “Are you out of your mind?”

“What am I trying to do?” John affected deep surprise. “Why, sir, I am going to baptize you by immersion into the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to his commandment.”

“But I have no desire for such baptism. I know of you; you are called ‘The Dipper’. But you are not going to dip me. I’m a Methodist; let me go!”

John tightened his hold on the man’s arm while the crowd watched, some in apprehension, others in amusement. “That is a scoffer’s blasphemy of a holy ordinance,” John said sternly. “Are you a believer?”

“Of course I’m a believer,” the preacher said indignantly. “But I’m not willing to be immersed. It would do no good for you to baptize me against my will. It would be wrong!”

“I don’t understand,” John said. “Only a few minutes ago you baptized a helpless baby against its will, although it -- Continued on page 3 --

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A GOSPEL WORTH SHARING

Hays Brickell

"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" (Romans 1:16).

What can we learn from Paul so we can proclaim the gospel without shame? What compelled the great apostle to keep preaching the same message to the world, even though he met much rejection, often violently, from both Jew and Greek? What did he know that enabled him to *"finish the course"*? The answers to these questions can be found in the truths that Paul and other writers of the Bible reveal to us about the gospel.

Paul describes the gospel as *"the power of God"*. The word *"power"* is derived from a word that refers to the might, strength, force, and energy that dwell within God. God chose to send us His Son, the Lord Jesus, showing us His love. *"We love because He first loved us"* (1st John 4:19). Paul speaks of this love resulting from the power of God: *"so that the power of Christ may dwell in me"* (2nd Corinthians 12:9). Lastly, Paul states: *"In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus"* (1st Corinthians 5:4).

Paul describes the plan of the gospel in clear terms. Notice he explicitly states *"to everyone who believes"*. There are no exceptions; Jews and Greeks (all non-Jews) meant all of humanity. God's plan of salvation is from faith. *"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God"* (Ephesians 2:8). How is this gift of God, faith, to be acted on? Peter commands to *"Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ"* (Acts 2:38). Paul states that we are *"buried with Him [Jesus] through baptism"* (Romans 6:4). Also, *"That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved"* (Acts 10:9). Faith clearly requires a call to action on the part of the believer.

Lastly, Paul describes the promise of the gospel. No one is ever beyond the grace of the gospel. Indeed, Paul states, *"Therefore having*

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"I STUDY MY BIBLE LIKE I PLOW MY FIELD"

A farmer explained: "I study my Bible like I plow my field. Oftentimes when I'm plowing or breaking new ground, my plow will get hung under a root, and if I'm going at a pretty good clip it will really jar me. But I don't get mad and beat my mule and burn my plow. No, I just back up a little, ease over the root and get on with my plowing. Next time around I'll probably hit that root again and it still shakes me up, but I don't quit farming. I just back up, ease over the root and keep on working. Pretty soon I have hit that root so many times that it's loose and the first thing you know I plow right through it and don't even notice it. I've got it shook loose. That's the way I study the Bible. When I come upon a hard passage, it might shake me up a little bit, but I don't throw away my Bible and quit the Lord on that account. I just ease over it and keep on studying. The next time I read that passage I jar it a little bit more. I keep on doing this until finally, because of information that I have gathered from other parts of the Bible I am able to jar the passage loose. I understand it."

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overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent" (Acts 17:30). Jesus promises the following: *"All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will certainly not cast out"* (John 6:37). Then: *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name"* (John 1:12). Lastly, the promise of Jesus of eternal life: *"Even as You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life"* (John 17:2).

In conclusion, the apostle Paul demonstrates in Romans 1:16 the power, plan, and promise of the gospel, equipping us to share the good news with the world.

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screamed and kicked. Did you get its consent first? Come along, sir, we will have no more of this foolishness." The crowd broke into open laughter, and John gave the young preacher a quick pull toward the creek, and then as suddenly released him.