

***BOLD FOR THE GOSPEL***

***Romans 1:16-17***

*Rom 1:16 - For I am not ashamed of the gospel...*

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He *glories* in the gospel and counts it a high *honor* to proclaim it.

= he was NOT FEARFUL of proclaiming the truth.

*2 Tim 1:8, 12 – 8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord ... but join with me in suffering for the gospel.... 12 For this reason I also suffer these things, but I am not ashamed...*

TWO REASONS Paul was so *confident* and *bold* in proclaiming the truth...and why he was so *eager* to do so...

## I. BECAUSE OF WHAT IT IS

*16...for it is the power of God for salvation...*

*1 Cor 1:18 - ... the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.*

*1 Cor 2:4–5 - 4 and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.*

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*Rom 4:16 - For this reason it is by faith...so that the promise will be guaranteed to all the descendants...also to those who are of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all...*

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- saving faith is an **OBJECTIVE FAITH**.
- saving faith is a **TRUSTING** and **SUBMISSIVE FAITH**.

*Rom 4:20–21 - 20...with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith...21 and being fully assured that what God had promised, He was able also to perform.*

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- saving faith is an **OBJECTIVE FAITH**.
- saving faith is a **TRUSTING** and **SUBMISSIVE FAITH**.
- saving faith is a **REPENTANT FAITH**.

*Luke 5:32 - I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.*

# I. BECAUSE OF WHAT IT IS

*16...to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.*

*Rom 3:9 - ...both Jews and Greeks are all under sin...*

*Rom 3:29 - Or is God the God of Jews only? Is He not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles*

*Rom 9:24 - even us, whom He also called, not from among Jews only, but also from among Gentiles.*

## II. BECAUSE OF WHAT IT ACCOMPLISHES

*17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed...*

Hebrew – righteousness = *saddiq* - *in the right...doing what is right*

wicked = *rasa* - *in the wrong...doing what is wrong*

Both are *FORENSIC* ideas - a LEGAL STATUS



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#### POSITIVE ASPECT

*Psa 98:2 - The LORD has made known His salvation; He has revealed His righteousness...*

*Isa 61:10 - ... He has clothed me with garments of salvation, He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness...*

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### 1 – THE SAVING ACTIVITY OF GOD

In contrast to the **NEGATIVE ASPECT:**

*Psa 50:6 – ... the heavens declare His righteousness,  
for God Himself is judge.*

*v 18 – the revelation of God's wrath.*

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2 – THE STATUS GIVEN BY GOD

DOCTRINE OF JUSTIFICATION

God credits – or IMPUTES – to the repentant, believing sinner the *righteousness* of Christ.

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*Rom 5:17 - ... those who receive... the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.*

*Phil 3:9 – (Paul said he did not have) a righteousness of (his own) derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith...*

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The *righteousness of God* = the intervening action by God, by which He brings people into a new position of a right standing before Him.

**DORIANI** – *The gospel cure is not that we do what we can, but that God does what we cannot.*

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*17...from faith to faith...*

NOTHING BUT FAITH can put us into a right relationship with God.

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*(Habakkuk 2:4)*

*17...as it is written, “But the righteous man shall live by faith.”*

Also in *Gal 3:11...and Heb 10:38*

Habakkuk - *faith* = *steadfastness* in a firm belief in God and His word.

Romans = *He who is righteous by faith, shall live.*

# #1 – The Duty to Proclaim the Gospel

*2 Cor 5:20 - ... we are ambassadors for Christ...*

*1 Cor 1:21 - ...God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.*

*preach = kerusso – to herald...proclaim -*



**#1 – The Duty to Proclaim the Gospel**

**#2 – The Universal Scope of the Gospel**

*Matt 28:19 - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...*