


Gospel Power



"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation..." (Romans 1:16)

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The Awesome Results of the Cross

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"God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (Galatians 6:14 NKJV)

We have a deep and desperate problem with sin. We are guilty of it (Romans 3:23) and God is angry about it (Romans 1:17). By sin, we incur a penalty we cannot pay, bring on trouble from which we cannot rescue ourselves, and arouse God's anger we cannot appease. And wonder of wonders, God mercifully did for us what we could not do for ourselves...and He did it at the cross!

God made great and gracious provisions at the cross. Here Jesus died for us, for our sins (1 Corinthians 15:3). He died to bring us to God (1 Peter 3:18). He died to pay the penalty we owe, to taste death for us (Hebrews 2:9).

And the cross has lasting effects today, so many years after the event. At least three results of Jesus' death demonstrate its awesome power for all who follow the word of the cross.

The cross bears sin. Jesus "bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed" (1 Peter 2:24, cf. Isaiah 53:11). Today, whoever you are, whatever you've done, how ever far away you've gone from God, the

cross magnificently offers redemption, justification, propitiation, and reconciliation. Read Romans 3:21-26 - repent, rejoice, and be redeemed!

The cross reveals God. The Father sent the Son to be the Savior of the world (1 John 4:14), so the cross is about God as well as Jesus. When God sacrificed His Son, we see:

His incredible love: "God demonstrates His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

His wisdom and power: "Christ crucified...the power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Corinthians 1:23-24).

His justice: "that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Romans 3:26).

God didn't just look the other way as if sin doesn't matter. He took sin into account and paid its penalty that He might pardon and save sinners. What can any right-thinking person do but turn to God to love and obey Him?

The cross conquers evil. Victory is in Jesus (1 Corinthians 15:57). By His death, Jesus rendered the devil powerless (Hebrews 2:14-15) and made possible our glorious resurrection (1 Corinthians 6:14). These victories were decisively won at the cross. Isn't it time you

centered your faith and life on the cross of Christ?

Dr. Robert G. Lee tells of an unforgettable experience when he visited Calvary on a tour of Israel. He was so excited in climbing the hill that he soon got ahead of his guide. As Lee reached the summit and stood at the place where the Lord died, the preacher's emotions were so stirred that his body started trembling. When at last the breathless guide caught up with him, he asked, "Sir, have you been here before?" For a moment there was a throbbing silence. Then in a whispered tone Dr. Lee replied, "Yes, I was here almost two thousand years ago." (Robert Coleman, *Written in Blood*, p. 26).

And so were you and so was I. Do you see your desperate need? Do you understand God's gracious provisions? Will you take hold of the awesome results by gratefully following Jesus?

~via *Biblical E-Sights*, Vol. 1 No. 24



A Lover of Truth

Glen Young

Why do people reject the plain teaching of God's word? No doubt, with all the differing doctrines taught, some simply misunderstand. On the other hand, Paul tells us that God sends "a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness" (2 Thessalonians 2:11-12 NIV). People are lost because they believe a lie that God allows to continue by the use of a powerful delusion. This seems out of character with God, so, why does He do it?

The key is found in verse 10, "... They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved." (NIV) Those who will follow

God's teachings are those who love truth.

I have thought much about this verse in recent days and have concluded something I would like to pass on to you. To love truth, undoubtedly means to love the various teachings found in the Bible. This is the most frequent way in which we use this verse. I would like to suggest that we could glean something from the verse that goes deeper. Namely, that a lover of truth is someone who loves the very existence of truth. Who despises a lie and rebuffs the liar?

We live in a society that encourages lying. How, You ask? By promoting the idea that, we cannot always tell the truth. Think about it! We hear things like, 'a little white lie' or 'being brutally honest.' All of which implies that it is permissible to tell lies under certain circumstances. It also implies that to always tell the truth, no matter what, is to be brutal.

To prove their point, men will try to place the honest person upon the horns of a dilemma. They will offer such situations as, 'Your wife comes in with a hair style that makes her look like a forty-five year old Little Orphan Annie, then asks you what you think. Should you be brutally honest and take a chance on hurting her feelings? Or, should you tell a little white lie?' Society says to lie about it and spare her feelings. How about being silent and say nothing? However, in so doing, will not we leave the untrue impression that we like the hair style? Silence is consent, is it not?

If you are having a difficult time deciding in this case, it may indicate that you are not a lover of truth. A lover of truth explains with kindness and love, that his perception of what is pretty when it comes to hair styles does not match hers.

If you think this is much a do about nothing, you definitely need to examine your value system pertaining to honesty and truth.

Why have I approached these verses in this manner? Because I am convinced that to be a

lover of God's revealed Word, one must first be a lover of truth. If one sees nothing wrong with telling a 'little white lie' when situations demand it, they are not lovers of truth. If one thinks to tell the truth in every situation is brutal, then they will be very unhappy with what God has said in His Word.

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Spring Quarter Has Begun

We began our spring quarter in our Bible classes on Wednesday night. We are looking forward to this quarter and the teachers for this quarter are as follows:

Nursery:

Tisha Thomas/
Susan Ridgeway (Sunday morning)
Charlotte Dickey/
Betty White (Wednesday night)

Pre-school:

Marla Clemmons/
Amber Hammond (Sunday morning)
Kerry Cox/
Tika White (Wednesday night)

Primary:

Cindy Mosley (Sunday morning)
Shelia Moore (Wednesday night)

Intermediate:

Mark McIntyre (Sunday morning)
Jerry Dickey (Wednesday night)

High School:

Phil Pressnell (Sunday morning)
Larry White (Wednesday night)

Younger Adult:

Claus Martel (Sunday morning)
Claus Martel (Wednesday night)

Young Adult:

Monroe Pressnell (Sunday morning)
Monroe Pressnell (Wednesday night)

Adult:

David Cox (Sunday morning)
David Cox (Wednesday night)

I want to express my appreciation to all of those who taught during the winter quarter for their work and dedication. We had a very good quarter. I am eagerly looking forward to this quarter and hope that all who can will be present and prepared for our periods of Bible study. There are classes for all ages. Won't you join us in a study together of God's word?

(D.A.C.)

News & Notes

THE SICK: *Millinea Word* is in the Baptist hospital in Nashville taking her treatments this week and hopes to be coming home today...*Onzell Tucker* continues to recover at home following her surgery...*Arvel and Doris Newton* were not feeling well and unable to be at Bible study Wednesday night...*James McConnell* was able to be back at services after being sick over the weekend...*Henry Trousdale* is not going to have gall bladder surgery following further testing... Remember *Wanda Tucker's father, Billy Letson*, who is continuing to take medication for his Leukemia...*Sheila Goode & Lou Ann Phillips mother, Shirley Slaton*, continues treatments for her cancer... *Sandra Glass' cousin, Tina Strickland*, who is continuing her treatments for her cancer... Also remember *Mattie Blanche Word* who continues at home and not able to be out...*Aldeen Noles* who is not able to be out... Also remember *Gurtie Snoddy* who is in the Mitchell-Hollingsworth Nursing Home...*Mary Best's nephew, Shannon Johnson*, who is at home... Remember *Tisha Thomas' grandmother, Nellie Hunter*, and *Millinea Word's mother, Nola McCafferty*, who are both in the

Meadow Brook Nursing Home in Pulaski.

OUT OF TOWN: *Corey Goode* has been in Jackson, Mississippi with his work recently.

COMMUNICATION GROUPS: Tonight is the night for communication group 2 to meet. If you are in group two remember to meet this evening.

GOSPEL MEETING: *The South Fayetteville church* in Fayetteville, Tennessee is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services each evening Monday through Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. The speaker will be *Gerry Sanddusky of Gary, Indiana*... *The First Street church* in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee is beginning a meeting today and it will continue through Friday with services at 7:00 p.m. The speaker in this meeting will be *Dan Richardson of Bell City, Missouri*.

SYMPATHY: We want to express our deepest sympathy to *Leota Springer* in the passing of her sister-in-law, *Peggy Sue Brown*, this past week in Georgia. The funeral was on Thursday.

THE RECORD: *Averages for March 2001*

Sunday: Bible Classes 86
Morning Worship 96
Evening Worship 63

Wednesday: Bible Classes 66



Next Sunday evening, April 15th, will be the time for our regular scheduled song service. Jerry Dickey will be directing the service. Make your plans to be present as we sing songs of glory and praise to God.

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Schedule of Services

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Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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