

“The Words that Changed the World”

Romans 1:16-17

- I. The Movement that Changed Europe
 - A. Reformation Sunday – 95 Thesis
 - B. The Movement that Followed
- II. The Purpose of Romans 1:16-17
 - A. What is the “For” therefor...?
 - 1. Romans 1:14 – “Under Obligation”
 - 2. Romans 1:15 – “Eager to Proclaim the Gospel”
- III. I am unashamed of the Gospel
 - A. Point of temptation
 - B. 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
 - 1. Stumbling Block to the Jews
 - a) We Cannot Earn It
 - b) No Self Righteousness
 - 2. Foolishness to the Greek
 - a) Intellectual Suicide
 - b) Empty Moral Pit
 - c) Physiological/Therapeutic Solutions
 - C. The Gospel Surpasses all things
 - 1. For it is the Power of God
 - a) For Salvation
 - (1) Deliverance from Sin
 - (2) Reconciliation to God
 - (3) Changing the Course of the World
 - b) Without Exclusion
 - (1) All people come to believe
 - (a) To the Jew First
 - (i) Historically
 - (b) But Also to the Greek
 - 2. The Righteousness of God Revealed
 - a) Righteousness is a Market Term
 - (1) Basic Definition – Being held to a standard.

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(2) What is that Standard?

(a) God’s Holiness and Perfection

(b) The Law was to expose that imperfection

b) But through Christ this Righteousness has been revealed

3. From Faith to Faith

a) Multiple different Interpretations

(1) From the Faith of the Old Testament Saints

(2) From the Faith of the Proclaimer

(3) From God’s Faithfulness to Man’s Faith

(4) From God’s gift of Faith to Man’s Life of faithfulness

b) But the Righteous Man Shall Live by Faith

c) What is Genuine Saving and Life Altering Faith?

(1) Not...

(a) Easy Believism

(b) Traditionalism

(c) Ancestry

(2) A Gift from God (Ephesians 2:8-9)

(3) Faith is a Conduit

D. So What?

1. Are we living an Unashamed Life in light of the Gospel?

a) Have we believed with Genuine Faith that God has so changed our hearts with His Righteousness?

b) Are we living in faithful dependence on God and Christ’s Righteousness?

c) Are we faithfully proclaiming the power of God to all of those that are around us?

d) **Philippians 2:12-13 – 12 So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.**