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TITLE: The Power of Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Text: Romans 1:16

Romans 1:16—*For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*

1Cor. 1:18—*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*

21*—For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.*

The Gospel does not make room for the flesh. The Gospel is the enemy of the flesh. The Gospel is AGAINST the flesh. God’s ways are different and higher than our ways.

1. Preaching the Gospel is a Joy when you’re wisely winning souls.

It is to be preached with POWER and is a **JOY** when you are wisely winning souls.

1. I Co1:21-“Save them that believe” Ro 1:16-“everyone that believeth”Pr11:30
2. Salvation is always a gift through Faith. Eph 2:8

Romans 4:16—*Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,*

Romans 5:2*—By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

1Timothy 1:14—*And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.*

1. Salvation is always a Gift of Life with great Joy
2. The Joy of a Newborn Believer

John 4:10—*Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.* 14*—But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.*

Isaiah 12:3—*Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.*

Ps 21:1—*The king shall joy in thy strength, O LORD; and in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!*

Ps 51:12—*Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit*.

Ps 132:16—*I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy.*

**Hab 3:18—*Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.***

* + 1. Preaching Salvation is always an awe-inspiring task
       1. “the world by wisdom knew not God”
       2. **God by His Wisdom chose “**the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe” **2Tim. 1:8,12**