



*“The Just Shall Live by Faith!”
The Apostle Paul
Romans 1:17*

**The Just Shall Live by Faith # 5
“The Gospel of Jesus Christ”
Romans 1:15 – 17**

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In verses 1-14, Paul introduced us to:

- **The Message of the gospel** – the reason for the letter. God had done something about the lostness of mankind, and Paul said that was the “good news!”
- **The Messenger of the gospel** – the writer of the letter. Paul referred to himself as a bondservant, a slave, one whom God had separated for one purpose: to get the whole gospel to the whole Gentile world.

In verses 15-17, Paul outlines the heart of his:

- **Ministry** – while he was burdened for his fellow Jews to the point that he was willing to give his life to see them saved, Paul said he was ready to preach the gospel to the Gentiles.
- **Mandate** – Paul understood that God had called him to do nothing more, nothing less, and nothing else except spread the gospel to the Gentiles.

The Apostle Paul’s Boldness for Christ was based on three conclusions:

A. The Gospel is from God and not from man – *“the gospel of Christ.”*

- 1 Cor. 1:25 – *“The foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.”*
- 1 Cor. 3:18-20 – *“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God.”*
- Romans 11:33-34 – *“O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God.”*

B. The Gospel is God’s power to save lost man from the wages of sin.

- **Power** – Dunamis – which means might or energy, the force that is within God, who is omnipotent – i.e. all-powerful
- **Salvation** – to be delivered or preserved – salvation is our deliverance from depravity of sin and our preservation from an eternity in hell.
- **Believe** – the sinner’s confession of faith in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

C. The Gospel is the revelation of God’s righteousness.

- **The Problem:**
 - God is perfect. He cannot allow an imperfect being to live in His presence.
 - Lost man thinks he is good enough or can become good enough to be acceptable unto God, but he is wrong.
- **The Answer:** God counts the believer’s faith in the gospel as his righteousness.
 - By God’s grace alone, lost man can live with God forever, by his faith alone in Christ alone.

“Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord, Jesus Christ.”

Romans 5:1
