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The Gospel and God's Righteousness (29)

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Romans 1:1-17

(Continuation from 03/20/16)

C. Paul's Boldness for Christ: Unashamedness of the Gospel, Romans 1:16-17

Romans 1:16-17 (NASB)

¹⁶ "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the **power** of God for **salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

¹⁷ "For in it *the* **righteousness** of God is revealed from **faith** to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous *man* shall live by faith."

1. It is the *good news* from God Himself (v.16).
2. It is the power of God to save (v.16).
3. It is the revelation of God's righteousness (v.17).

2. (Romans 1:16) Gospel— God, Power of— Salvation: Paul is not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God to save.

Romans 1:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the **power** of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Note **four significant facts.**

1. The word "power" (*dunamis*) means the might, energy, force, and strength that is **within** God.
2. The word "salvation" must be understood and grasped by every person upon earth.
3. God saves all who believe.
4. God saves all nationalities, both Jew and Greek.

In verses 16-17, Paul uses four key words that are crucial to understanding the gospel of Jesus Christ: **power**, **salvation**, **faith**, and **righteousness**.

1. The word "power" (*dunamis*) means the might, energy, force, and strength that is **within** God. The power is "of God," of His very nature. As God, He is the embodiment of power; He possesses all power, that is, omnipotent power, within His Being. He can do and act as He chooses.

The point is this: God has chosen to use His power in a loving way by sending men the "good news," the gospel of salvation. Being all powerful, God could wipe men off the face of the earth, but instead He has chosen to give men the good news of salvation. This tells us a

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critical truth: God's nature is love. He is full of compassion and grace. He is the God of salvation; therefore, He sent the "gospel of Christ" to the world that men might be saved.

Power

for it is the power of God (1:16b)

Romans 1:16 (NASB)

16"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

Every believer, no matter how gifted and mature, has human limitations and weaknesses. Our minds, bodies, and perceptions are imperfect. Yet, incredibly God uses us as channels of His redeeming and sustaining power when we serve Him obediently.

Scripture certainly testifies to God's glorious power ([Exodus 15:6](#)), His irresistible power ([Deuteronomy 32:39](#)), His unsearchable power ([Job 5:9](#)), His mighty power ([Job 9:4](#)), His great power ([Psalm 79:11](#)), His incomparable power ([Psalm 89:8](#)), His strong power ([Psalm 89:13](#)), His everlasting power ([Isaiah 26:4](#)), His effectual power ([Isaiah 43:13](#)), and His sovereign power ([Romans 9:21](#)).

Scripture certainly testifies to God's glorious power ([Exodus 15:6](#)),

Exodus 15:6 (NASB)

6"Your right hand, O LORD, is majestic in power, Your right hand, O LORD, shatters the enemy."

His irresistible power ([Deuteronomy 32:39](#)),

Deuteronomy 32:39 (NASB)

39 "See now that I, I am He, And there is no god besides Me; It is I who put to death and give life. I have wounded and it is I who heal, And there is no one who can deliver from My hand."

His unsearchable power ([Job 5:9](#)),

Job 5:9 (NASB)

9 "Who does great and unsearchable things, Wonders without number."

His mighty power ([Job 9:4](#)),

Job 9:4 (NASB)

4 "Wise in heart and mighty in strength, Who has defied Him without harm?"

His great power ([Psalm 79:11](#)),

Psalm 79:11 (NASB)

11 "Let the groaning of the prisoner come before You; According to the greatness of Your power preserve those who are doomed to die."

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His incomparable power ([Psalm 89:8](#)),

[Psalm 89:8 \(NASB\)](#)

⁸ “O LORD God of hosts, **who is like You, O mighty LORD?** Your faithfulness also surrounds You.”

His strong power ([Psalm 89:13](#)),

[Psalm 89:13 \(NASB\)](#)

¹³ “You have **a strong arm**; Your **hand is mighty**, Your right hand is exalted.

His everlasting power ([Isaiah 26:4](#)),

[Isaiah 26:4 \(NASB\)](#)

⁴ “Trust in the LORD forever, For in GOD the LORD, **we have an everlasting Rock.**”

His effectual power ([Isaiah 43:13](#)),

[Isaiah 43:13 \(NASB\)](#)

¹³ “Even from eternity I am He, And there is none who can deliver out of My hand; **I act and who can reverse it?**”

and His sovereign power ([Romans 9:21](#)).

[Romans 9:21 \(NASB\)](#)

²¹ “**Or does not the potter have a right over the clay**, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use?”

Jeremiah declared of God, “It is He who made the earth by His power, who established the world by His wisdom; And by His understanding He has stretched out the heavens” ([Jeremiah 10:12 \(NASB\)](#)), and through that prophet the Lord said of Himself, “I have made the earth, the men and the beasts which are on the face of the earth by My great power and by My outstretched arm” ([Jeremiah 27:5](#)).

The psalmist admonished, “Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him. For He spoke, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast” ([Psalm 33:8-9 \(NASB\)](#)). His is the power that can save.