

The Effective Gospel



The Gospel

- The Gospel literally means the good news
 - Good news of redemption
 - Promised to Abraham
 - Prophesied in books like Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22
 - Known now to be news of Jesus
 - Rom. 1:16-17

How Did People Know?

- Rom. 10:14-17 they heard
 - Through this God is revealed and salvation is found.

Reactions in Acts

- Acts 2:37,41 cut to the heart, sought remedy, baptized
- Acts 4:4 believed in face of persecution
- Acts 7:54 cut to the heart and gnashed teeth
- Acts 8:38-39 caused him to obey right then, go on rejoicing
- Acts 13:45,48 jealousy/contradicting Jews, but rejoicing gentiles
- Acts 14:19,21 stoned Paul after the message, still made disciple
- Acts 16:34 caused him to believe and bring others
- Acts 24:25 frightened because of its effectiveness
- Acts 26:28-29 Agrippa almost persuaded,

Still Powerful Gospel

- Jude 1:3 I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was **once for all** handed down to the saints.

1 pet.3:18-22

- Once for all
- Brings to God
- Death to flesh
- Alive to spirit
- Baptism saves
- Good conscience
- Through Christ
- All power

Our Goals with Outsiders

- Col 4:5-6
 - Proper conduct
 - Wisdom
 - Willingness to take opportunity
 - Willing to speak
 - Speech being with grace
 - Giving appropriate responses

What are you doing with the Gospel?

- Mark 16:15-16
 - Are you hearing it?
 - Obeying it?
 - Preaching it?

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