

God's Power!

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"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek" (Romans 1:16).

We cannot emphasize enough the ramifications of this statement! Almighty God, with *every power* in heaven and earth at His disposal, and *with matchless wisdom* **chose** the message of the Gospel to save man eternally!

Christians who believe this will be excited at every Bible class, every sermon preached, and every study made of God's immutable, eternal Word. There is power in the gospel to change the heart of the greatest sinner, if only he is honest and willing to listen. The **book of Acts** contains numerous stories of people converted from different backgrounds — Jews from every nation (Acts 2), an Ethiopian eunuch (Acts 8:26-40), a Roman centurion (Acts 10), a seller of purple from Thyatira (Acts 16:11-15), and a Philippian jailer (Acts 16:25-34). You can see the **power** in the results!

The apostle Paul converted a proconsul (Acts 13:12), *"devout Greeks, and not a few of the leading women"* (Acts 17:4), an Athens, Greece Areopagite (Acts 17:34), etc.

The gospel has a profound effect on those who read it, or hear it preached, when they believe that it is the **very words of God!** *"For this reason we also thank God without ceasing, because when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you welcomed it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which also effectively works in you who believe"* (1 Thess. 2:13).

The real question is simple: **"Do YOU believe that the gospel is God's message to YOU?"** Is that how you revere the Book when you read it? Do you *"search the Scriptures daily"* (Acts 17:11) as did those noble souls of Berea? It is imperative that we do not become *indifferent* to the gospel simply because of our familiarity with it. No person full of faith will ever view God's Word in that light. Instead, they are holding in their hands the *"power of God"* — **dynamite!**

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