

All-Sufficiency of the Gospel

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Introduction

1. Romans 1:16
2. The Gospel is the power of God and is powerful enough to save souls
3. The Gospel is God's law of pardon to the alien, the instruction to the Christian, it is revealed by the Holy Spirit and recorded in the New Testament, it is all man needs to accomplish his release from sin and to enjoy eternal salvation
4. Any additional revelation or doctrine, all tradition and decree must be regarded as superfluous, useless, damaging and should therefore be rejected.
5. There is not another Gospel Galatians 1:6-9
6. Let us note some of the ways in which the Gospel is described in the Scriptures which will serve as indisputable proof of its all sufficiency.

II Discussion

1. The Gospel is perfect James 1:25 (complete)
 1. That which is perfect cannot be improved upon by addition or subtraction. To add to or take from will mar its perfection Revelation 22:18-19
 2. The Law of Moses could not bring perfection Hebrews 7:19
 1. The Law was a shadow Hebrews 10:1
 2. The way for man to be saved was not known until the Gospel was preached Hebrews 9:8
2. The Gospel is powerful Romans 1:16
 1. The word "powerful" is the Greek word "dunamis"
 1. We get our words, "dynamic," "dynamo," "dynamite."
 2. Thus the Gospel is dynamic, or dynamite unto salvation. It is the plan by which God's power is exerted in the salvation of mankind.
 3. It is God's plan not man's 1 Peter 1:10ff; Acts 10:33 preach what God commanded
 4. It is not feeble and ineffectual but is mighty 2 Corinthians 10:4
 2. The Gospel of Christ is God's power unto salvation, complete deliverance from sin and death and results in ultimate salvation in heaven
 1. So if I desire man to be saved I must preach the same thing that Paul preached, anything else would be superfluous.
3. The Gospel is complete 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 1. The Gospel will meet the demands of the human family. 2 Peter 1:3
 1. If any man speaks let him speak as the oracle of God 1 Peter 4:11
 2. To accept anything else such as rituals, handbooks catechism, manual, discipline, confession of faith, or a prayer book, to govern religious activities would make void by belief in the Scriptures
 3. If the Bible is able to furnish us unto every good work, why have a supplementary book?
 2. Let us notice something taught in 2 Timothy 3:16-17
 1. It is given by the inspiration of God, not men
 2. The Scripture are profitable for:
 1. Doctrine - teaching
 2. Reproof - Ephesians 5:11; 2 Timothy 4:2
 3. Correction - lead one to correct or amend their life, it is sufficient and powerful means of reformation of life
 4. All good works - it is adequate for man's every spiritual need.

4. The Gospel is enduring Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:25
 1. The Word of God is unmoved, fixed and is permanent
 1. Empires rise and fall, but God's Word will remain
 2. This Gospel is as lovely now as it was when it was first revealed, it has as much power now as it did when it was first revealed
 3. We need to new Gospel for this age, need the sunshine, air, water and food
 4. Man has not changed physically and morally, sin has not changed, Satan has not changed, so why attempt to change the remedy for sin!
 2. Since it will endure forever it is that by which we will be judged John 12:48; Romans 2:16

III Conclusion

1. Since the Gospel is perfect, powerful, complete, and enduring what does it not save all man?
2. God's Word will not return unto Him void Isaiah 55:11
3. God does want all men to be saved 1 Timothy 2:4; 2 Peter 3:9
4. Yet, not all will come to Him to be saved John 5:40
5. If a person will be saved it will be the same today as it was in the long ago, believe, repent, confess, baptized, remain faithful.

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