

**Victoria Fellowship Church**  
**International & Interdenominational**  
**Bible Study Worksheet – April 2, 2023**

**Theme: The Power of God at Work in us    Topic: The Gospel of Christ**

**Main Texts: Romans 1:1-17**

**Key verse: Romans 1: 16** – *“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.”* (NKJV)

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**INTRODUCTION:** Apostle Paul opens the book of Romans with an introduction of the gospel, as being God’s and as something God promised from long ago (Romans 1:1-2). Adam’s fall and subsequent banishment from the Garden of Eden, heralded man’s separation from God. However, God did not leave humanity in his estranged state. Rather, the rest of Scripture is about God’s relentless pursuit and plan to restore man back to Himself. In the Old Testament, that promise of restoration is starkly portrayed in God’s pursuit of Israel. Jeremiah 30:1-38:22 is an example. But whatever God did for and with Israel was only a shadow of what was to come – both in scope and in completeness. In scope, God’s plan of restoration will flow from Israel to the whole world; in completeness, it will be everlasting (Isaiah 25:6-9). God, being merciful, has been unfolding this plan in stages: Starting with the promise to Adam (Genesis 3:15), to Abraham (Genesis 22:18), and through prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 61:1-4). And culminating in Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1-4)!

1. **(a) What is the Gospel of Christ according to Romans 1:3-4 and 1 Corinthians 15:1-5? (b) Why is Jesus’s humanity important to the Gospel? (c) Let participants restate the truth contained in 1 Corinthians 15:16-18 and share how that truth should affect our view of Christ’s humanity?**

The word ‘Gospel’ means good news! In Isaiah 61:1-2, prophet Isaiah spoke about a time when God will bind up the brokenhearted... And he called it good news. And in Luke 4:21, Jesus declared that what prophet Isaiah foretold has been fulfilled. In saying that, our Lord Jesus Christ was referring to Himself as the fulfillment of the promised good news. So, the Gospel is the good news about what our Triune God has accomplished for humanity: It is about God becoming man in the person of Jesus Christ (incarnation), to live a perfect (sinless) life, fulfill the law perfectly, and die sacrificially, satisfying God’s wrath against sin, thereby atoning for our sins; so that those who believe in Jesus Christ might not face hell (the wrath of God directed against sin and sinners). It is also about how God raised Jesus Christ from the dead by the power of the Holy Spirit (as a sign that He accepts the sacrifice). It is the victorious announcement of ‘... *how God makes us (sinners) right in His sight...*’ (Romans 1:17 NLT).

2. **Read Romans 1:16-17; Romans 8:1-4; 1 Peter 3:18. (a) The word ‘Gospel’ means good news. What is it about the gospel of Christ that makes it good news? (b) What is the significance of the statement that the gospel ‘is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes...’? How would you explain this to your preteen? (c) Romans 1:16-17 states categorically that faith in the gospel of Christ is what is required for salvation of everyone. How does this apply to people of other faiths/religions or occultists and hardcore terrorists?**

As Romans 8:3 declares, God accomplished for us in Christ, what no one could ever accomplish by keeping the Law of Moses. So, the Gospel is not a summon to work harder to reach God; it’s the grand message of how God worked all things together for good to reach us. That’s why the gospel of Christ is such good news. The vilest occultist, terrorist, etc. does not require anything more than the nicest of us for citizenship in the kingdom. In other words, as Romans 1:16–17 says, both Jews and Gentiles enter the kingdom by faith alone. This is the kind of good news every human needs to hear because all (Jews and Gentiles, alike) have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Such that Christ took this good news even to those who had died before His unveiling (1 Peter 4:5-6). Because this good news needs to reach every soul, God calls those who have received this good news to take this to others, everywhere in all the nations of the world. For Apostles Paul, the gospel of Christ is the best good news, and he felt obligated to proclaim it unashamedly. How about you, how are we responding to this call of God?

3. **(a) If the gospel of Christ is good news, why would apostle Paul say he was not ashamed of it? What is it about this good news that could be embarrassing to its bearer? (b) In what ways have you been ashamed of the gospel in the past? (c) What tips does Romans 10:13-15 offer that could help us be more effective in proclaiming the Gospel of Christ?**

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**Prayer:** *Father, we thank You for giving us Your Son, to be the only means by which anyone can have everlasting life. May our appreciation of the gospel and our love for others compel us to proclaim the Gospel so that many would come to believe and be saved in Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior Amen.*