

THE NATURE OF THE GOSPEL

1Cor 15:1-8

INTRODUCTION:

- A When Christ sent out the apostles he specified what to preach Mk 16:15,16
- B OUR TEXT gives the basic facts of the gospel - Good News, Glad Tidings of the death, burial, resurrection, and appearance of the Christ
- C A consideration of that gospel that these apostles were to declare universally, and that men were to believe and obey around the world, should cause us to consider **THE NATURE OF THE GOSPEL**
- D In considering this let one of those who preached this Gospel by revelation tell us of its nature Rom 1:1-17
- E This should create great interest because this Gospel was the only one the apostles could preach that could save men's souls Gal 1:6,12; Mk 16:15,16

DISCUSSION:

I A PROMISED GOSPEL Rom 1:1,2

- A Paul identifies himself as a servant and an apostle of Christ
- B Separated unto the Gospel which the prophets promised
 - 1 All prophets from Samuel Acts 3:24
 - 2 Moses promised a prophet like himself Acts 3:22
 - 3 Promised just after creation Gen 3:15; Heb 2:14
- C The Gospel is certainly one that was promised

II A PREPARED GOSPEL Rom 1:3

- A When God promised he started preparing
- B Gospel concerns Jesus Christ who was born of the seed of David in the flesh
 - 1 Started preparation even before foundation of the world 1Pet 1:18-20
 - 2 Preparation of lineage of Christ began with Abraham Gen 12:1-3
- C The preparation for the salvation of man preceded even the foundation of the universe (world - order or arrangement) 1Pet 1:18-20

III A PROVEN GOSPEL Rom 1:4

- A All promises and preparation would mean nothing if Christ had not risen from the dead
- B Declared to be Son - by the resurrection
 - 1 Gospel has proof - lacking in systems of men
 - 2 Anything else is a perversion Gal 1:7
 - 3 Men have dreamed up many different systems but none have the proof of the Gospel
 - 4 Shown by infallible proofs Acts 1:3
- C What more proof could a person want than that God raised Christ from the dead (text) Acts 10:38-43

IV A PREACHED GOSPEL Rom 1:15

- A Promise, preparation, proof - no value unless preached to the lost
- B Those who know it must preach it
 - 1 Commanded to teach it Matt 28:20
 - 2 Paul preached **THE** gospel Gal 1:8,9
 - 3 Faithful men must teach others 2Tim 2:2
- C Apostles fulfilled charge given Col 1:23 Up to us to keep carrying the Gospel to all nations

V A POWERFUL GOSPEL Rom 1:16

- A Promises, preparation, proof, preaching useless unless the gospel has the power to do what it claims
- B Paul affirms it has this power Rom 1:16,17
 - 1 A universal power
 - 2 Only saving power God has, has been left in Gospel
 - 3 Righteousness of God revealed in it
 - 4 Power demonstrated on Pentecost Acts 2:37,38
- C Powerful only to extent of faith in it (text) Rom 10:17
 - 1 The power is there
 - 2 Our faith (which causes obedience) is what releases the power contained in it

VI A PERSONAL GOSPEL Rom 1:16

- A God's power to save is for everyone that believes
 - 1 Everyone implies all
 - 2 "All" is a plurality - but is singular
 - 3 Specifies each person that believes
- B God made the Gospel for each person
 - 1 He said whosoever Acts 10:43
 - 2 And song: "Whosoever Surely Meaneth Me"
- C Salvation conditional on obedience Heb 5:8,9
 - 1 Christ the author of salvation
 - 2 To ALL - each one - them that obey Him

CONCLUSION:

- A The Gospel is the Good News of the Death, Burial, Resurrection, appearance and Ascension of Christ
- B It was Promised, Prepared, Proven, Preached, it is Powerful But it has no value unless it is applied to each person
- C The Gospel could be compared to medicine given by a doctor It is promised, prepared, and proven to be effective The doctor tells you about this medicine, that it is powerful enough to do the job, but unless you take it, it will never do you any good
- D Will you take God's medicine (gospel) for a sin-sick world?