

The Oologah Informer

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.

Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Vance Smith

PM Sermon:

Doyle Jackson

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The book of Joshua – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

Swearingen

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47

Sunday mornings at 7:30am

The Gospel is God's Power to Save Jerry Dickison

When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, God drove them out of the garden (Genesis 3:22-24). Romans 3:23 teaches us since that time all men “have sinned, and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Isaiah 59:2 teaches us that our iniquities have come between us and our God and Romans 6:23 also teaches us that our sins have earned us death. But God also loves His creation and does not want men and women to perish because of our sin. It became necessary for our God to devise a power that could save mankind from his own sins.

When we realize that our God has all power, that He has all knowledge, and that he is all present, we can have complete confidence in the power that he has devised to save us. God's power for saving man is not only a good power, it is not only a great power, but it is the only perfect power for our salvation!

Paul, an inspired apostle wrote that he was “not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Romans 1:16). Nearly all of those who desire to follow Christ, agree that the gospel of Christ is God's power unto salvation. Men have many answers as to how that power works to save us. The verses following Romans 1:16 teach us exactly how we can apply the power of the gospel of Christ to our lives so that we can be with God in heaven for eternity. “For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness” (Romans 1:17-18). The gospel reveals two things unto us. It reveals the righteousness of God and the wrath of God. How does the gospel reveal God's righteousness and wrath? It does it through the art of teaching! God draws men to Christ through the teaching that is in the gospel of Christ. Listen to our Lord, “No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets, and they shall be all taught of God. Every man therefore that hath heard, and hath learned of the Father, cometh unto me” (John 6:44-45).

What does the gospel reveal concerning God's righteousness and wrath? It teaches us how to apply the power of the gospel to our sins so that we can be acceptable to God! It teaches us that we will die in our sins if we do not believe in Jesus Christ (John 8:24). It teaches that we must repent and turn away from our sins or perish (Luke 13:3). It teaches us that we must confess Jesus Christ as the Son of God before men (Matthew 10:32; Acts 8:37). Acts 16:22 teaches us that our sins are washed away at baptism and Revelation 1:5 teaches us that the cleansing agent at baptism is the blood of Christ, not the water itself. The gospel also teaches us how to live our lives, what is necessary to please God, and what things God will not accept as a part of our lives. The gospel of Christ as taught in

the New Testament teaches us how to change our lives so that we can be pleasing to our God!