

THE GOSPEL OF SALVATION 2/11/14

God has fully equipped us to abundantly promote his word to the people of this world. What God has given us bypasses natural ability, fear and doubt. It also has the power to cut through the ignorance and hardness of unbelievers (both the speaker and the hearer). All it requires is the willingness to put God first and to step out in faith and do what God wants us to do.

Speaking the gospel of salvation... leads to understanding, truth and blessing. It is God driven. These are attributes of the spirit and the benefits they offer.

JOH 14:17 *Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.*

JOH 15:26 *But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:*

1JOH 4:6 *We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. Those who obey the gospel are identified as lovers of the truth.*

JOH 14:26 *But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance (to mind), whatsoever I have said unto you.*

The above verses reveal some interesting truths...

**The gospel is not totally dependant on our faith alone.*

**Not dependant on our knowledge of the scriptures.*

**Not dependant on our ability to exercise spiritual practices.*

**Not dependant on our age, gender, speaking ability, or education.*

**Fear, doubt, past failure and weakness, do not prevent a successful sharing of salvation and blessing.*

** It is the spirit that operates at every level... if given the chance.*

God pricks the heart and the faith of the hearer does the rest. The conversion of Saul/Paul, is a strong demonstration of how powerful the gospel message can be, even against devoted enemies of the Christian faith.

ACT 26:14 *And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.*

Despite Paul's ignorance and blind zeal, Jesus overcame this unbelief and revealed the truth of the gospel. Paul was passionate and sincere with his fight against Christianity, but he was not heading in the right direction. If the gospel message through Christ, could win this man over, then how much more can our humble approach achieve?

The regular practice of witnessing and evangelising, leads to blessings and miracles.

MAR 16:15 *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. Go ye into the world (do what God wants you to do... **first of all**), God will do the rest. Salvation is a 'put God first' activity.... So is walking in the spirit. We have so much to offer if we could only believe the gospel enough to do it.*