

## ***The Power of the Gospel***

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### ***1 Corinthians 2:1-5***

#### **The Message of the Gospel...**

... Does not rely on “plausible” words.

*1 Corinthians 2:4 “and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,”*

... Does not rely on “eloquent” words.

*1 Corinthians 1:17 “or Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.”*

... Does not rely on man’s wisdom or education.

*1 Corinthians 1:20 “Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?”*

... Relies fully on Jesus Christ and the power of His death and resurrection to transform lives!

#### **Paul was a living example of the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

📖 1 Timothy 1:12-17

❖ Paul was a blasphemer, a persecutor and an insolent opponent of Christianity!

📖 Philippians 3:1-16

❖ Paul was very pious and religious yet not right with God!

📖 Acts 13:1-3

❖ Paul was sent out to proclaim the gospel by the church at Antioch ... Miracles followed!

f Paul & Barnabas at Cyprus & Antioch in Pisidia *Acts 13:8-22*

f Paul and Barnabas at Lystra *Acts 14:8-15*

f Paul and Silas at Philippi *Acts 16:16-18, 25-34*

f Paul in Ephesus *Acts 19:11-20*

f Paul at Troas *Acts 20:7-12*

#### **The Gospel...**

❖ The “Focus” of the Gospel is Jesus Christ.

❖ The “Presentation” of the Gospel is the Word of God.

❖ The “Result” of the true Gospel is that the faith of the followers will not rest on the wisdom of men but on the power of God!

### Study Questions:

Describe in your own words what the Gospel is. *1 Corinthians 1:17-25*

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What message did the early Christians proclaim throughout the world and what was the result of this “good news”? *Acts 4:1-13*

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As Christians what should we not be ashamed of? *Romans 1:16*

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### Endnotes:

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