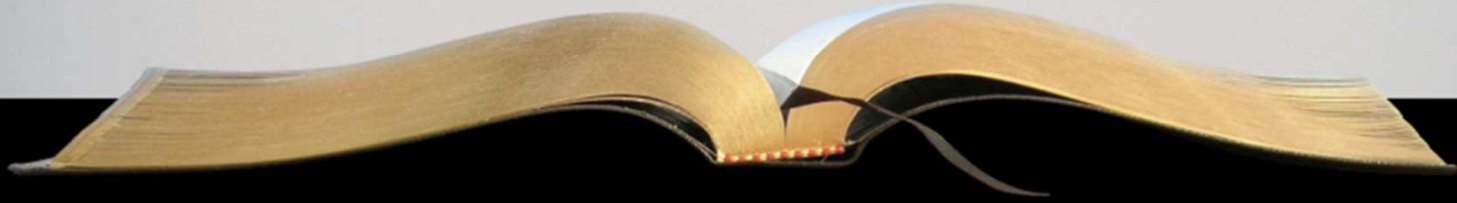


[Romans]

Lesson 2

Devoted (**given**) to the Gospel

(Romans 1:8-17)



1. Paul Was Thankful for the Church in Rome.



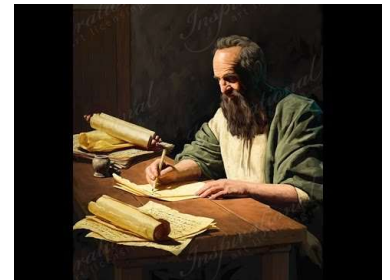
Paul thanked God for church in Rome.

(Romans 1:8) *First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ **for you all**, that your faith is spoken of (**about**) throughout (**in**) the whole world.*



Church in Rome was a good witness.

(Romans 1:8) *First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that **your faith is spoken of (about) throughout the whole world.***



Everyone knew the church trusted in Jesus.

Paul prayed for church in Rome.

(Romans 1:9) *For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that **without ceasing** (**stop**) I make mention (**speak**) of you **always in my prayers;***



*We also must pray for churches everywhere.

Paul wanted to visit the church in Rome.

(Romans 1:10) *Making request (ask/prayer), if by any means (possible way) now at length (much time) I might have a prosperous (good) journey (travel) by the will of God to come unto you.*

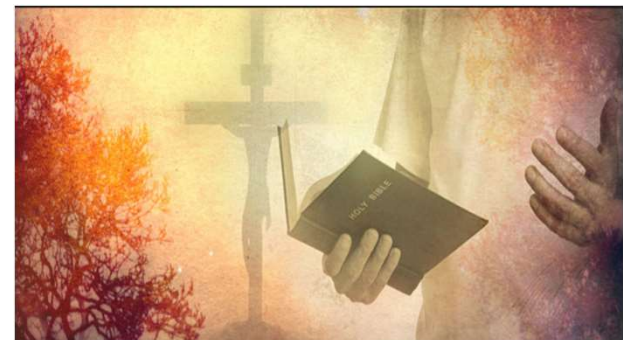


Paul later went to Rome as a prisoner.

Paul wanted to strengthen the church.

*(1:11) For I long (**want**) to see you, that I may impart (**give/share**) unto you some spiritual gift, **to the end** (**goal**) **ye may be established** (**made strong**);*

Paul was devoted (**given**) to the work of preaching God's Word... to make Christians' faith stronger.



*(12) That is, that I (**Paul**) may be comforted together with you by the mutual (**share**) faith both of you and me.*

Paul knew that the Christians would encourage his faith also.

Christians need each other.

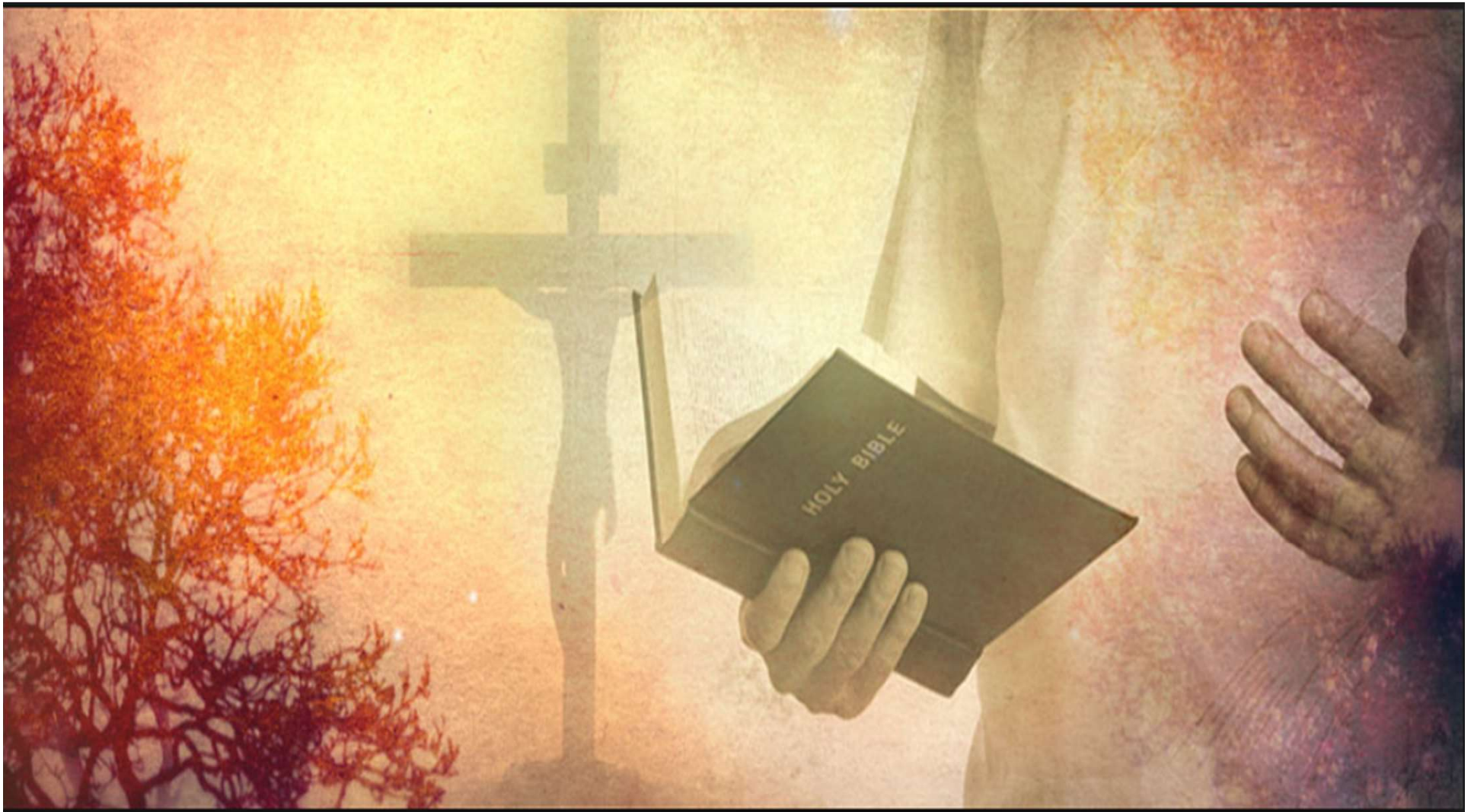


(illus. sticks together in a fire burn well;
stick alone ends the fire)



“mutual (**share**) faith”
–shared faith burns brighter–

2. Paul Was Dedicated (**given**) to the Work of Spreading the Gospel.



(Romans 1:14) ***I am debtor*** (*must give*) ***both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise.***
(15) ***So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.***



Jesus gave Paul **something** => **Gospel**
that belonged to everyone.

(**illus.:** famine & food or sick & healing)

We must not withhold the best thing)

3. God's Power and Righteousness Is Revealed in the Gospel.

The Gospel of Christ

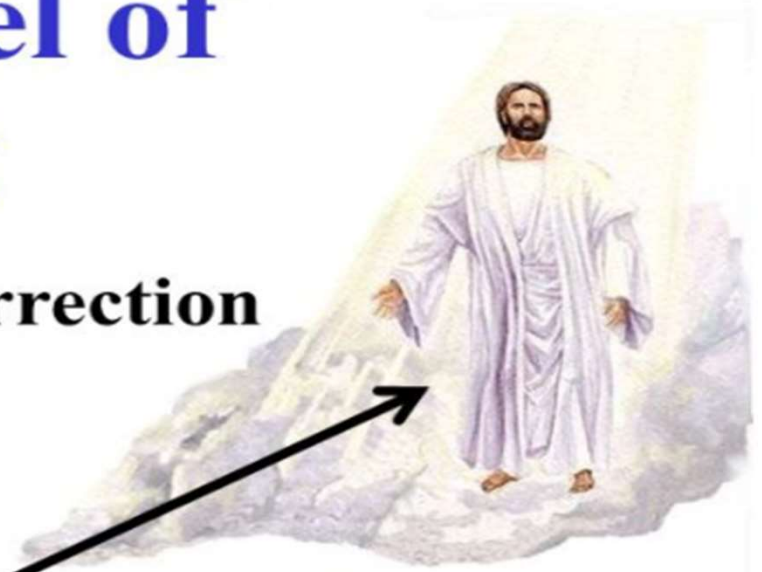


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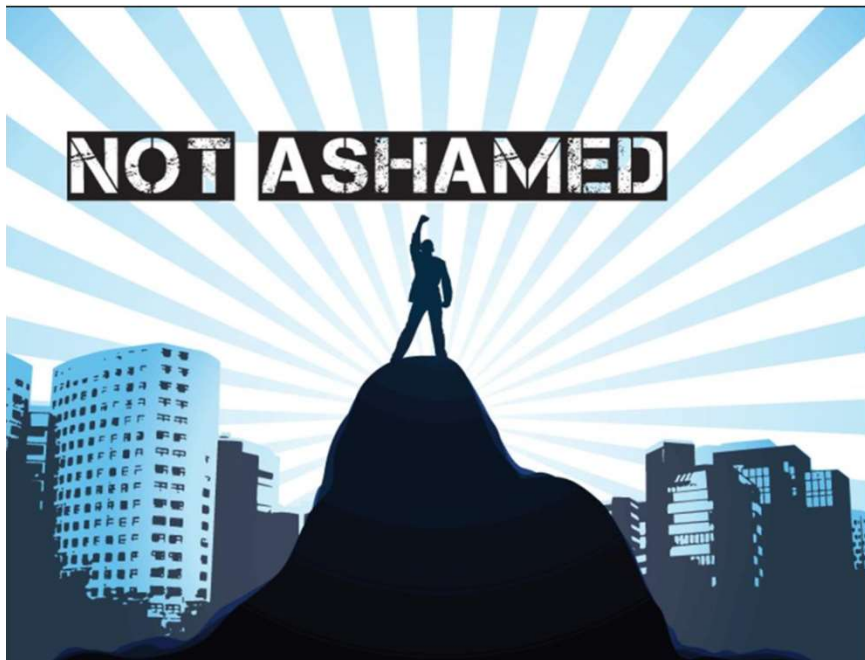


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(Romans 1:16) *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it (**Gospel**) is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*



Ashamed

(Isaiah 52:14) As many were astonished (**Wow! Yuck! Shock!**) at thee (**Jesus**); his visage (**body**) was so (**much**) marred (**destroyed**) more than any man...




(Romans 1:16) *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it (**gospel**) is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*



“gospel of Christ” = Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day. [1 Cor. 15:1-4]

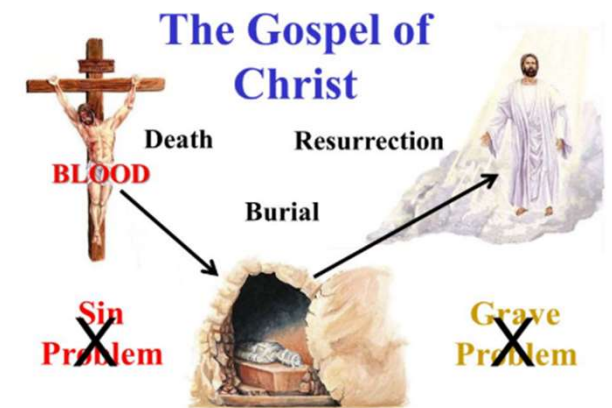
"Be NOT ASHAMED of your faith;
remember it is the **ANCIENT GOSPEL**
of **MARTYRS, CONFESSORS, REFORMERS** and **SAINTS**.
Above all, it is the **TRUTH OF GOD**,
against which the gates of hell **CANNOT PREVAIL."**

-Charles Haddon Spurgeon

A large, detailed illustration of a lion in the foreground of a Roman arena. The lion is facing right. In the background, a crowd of people is gathered in the arena, and a man in a white robe is standing in the center, surrounded by other people. The arena is filled with spectators, and the architecture is classical Roman.

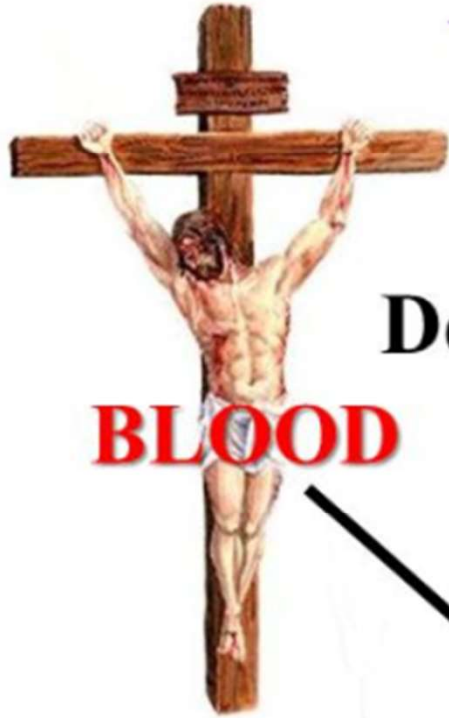
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*The Gospel is God's **powerful** message that He uses to **save** us from sin and death.

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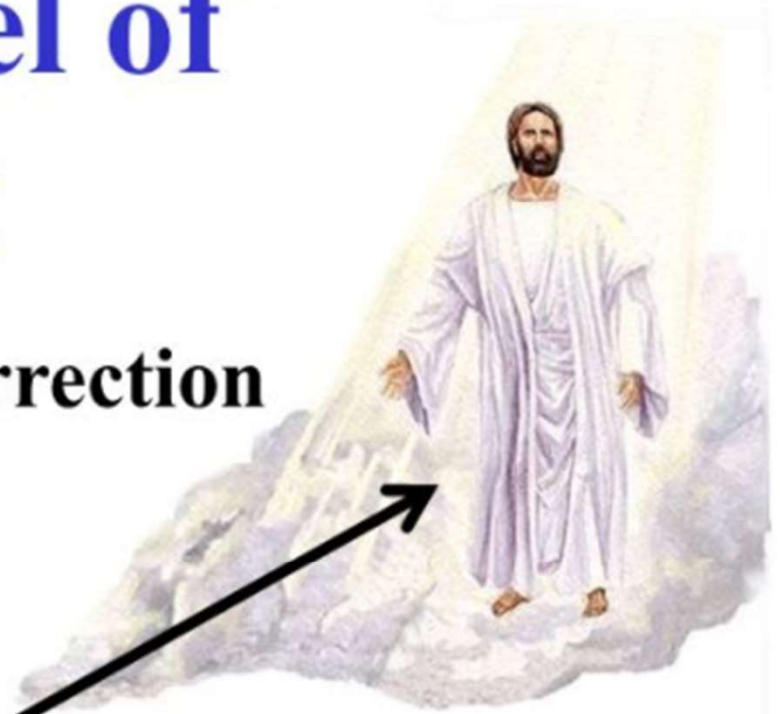


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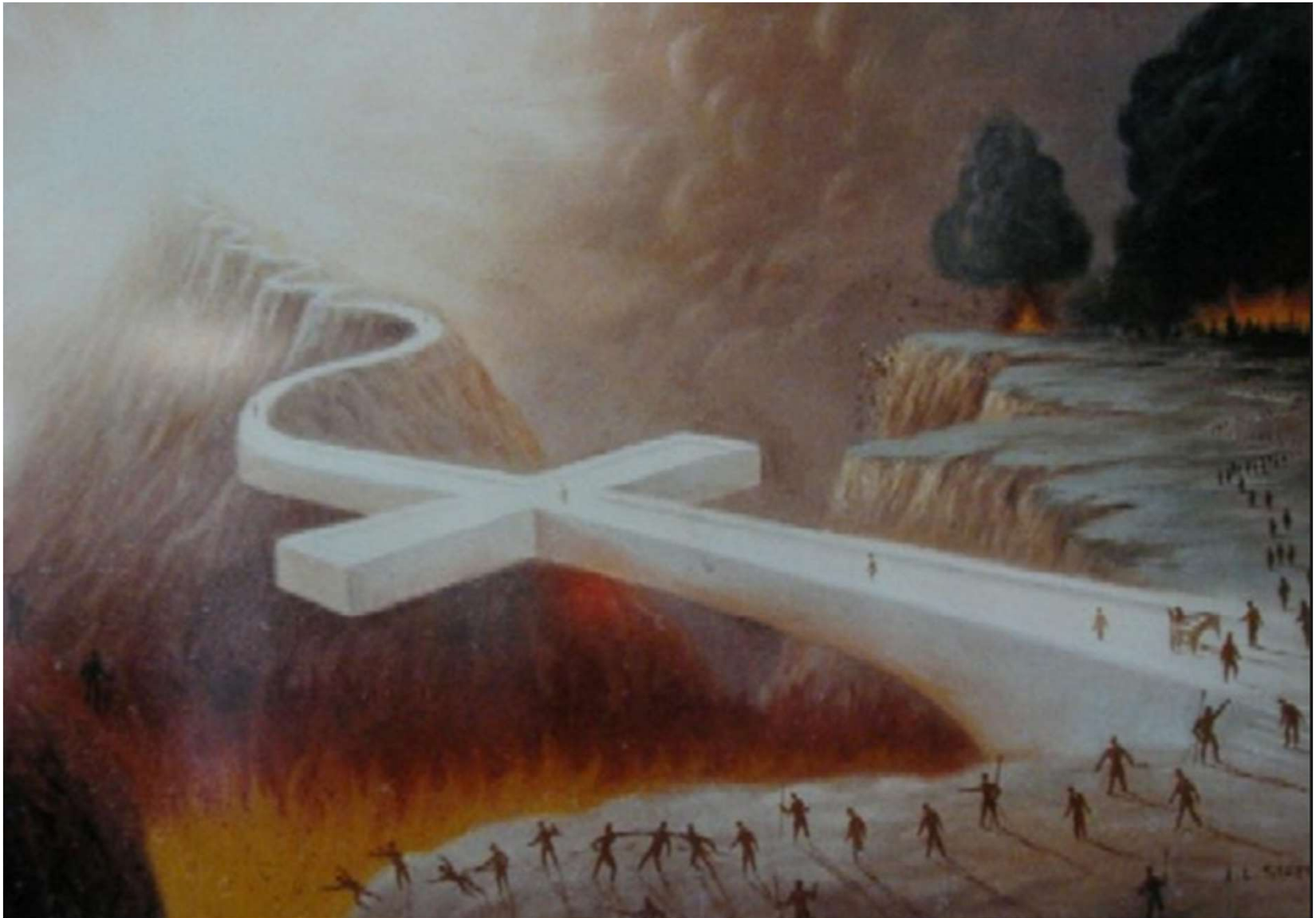
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***“it (**gospel**) is the power of God
unto salvation”***



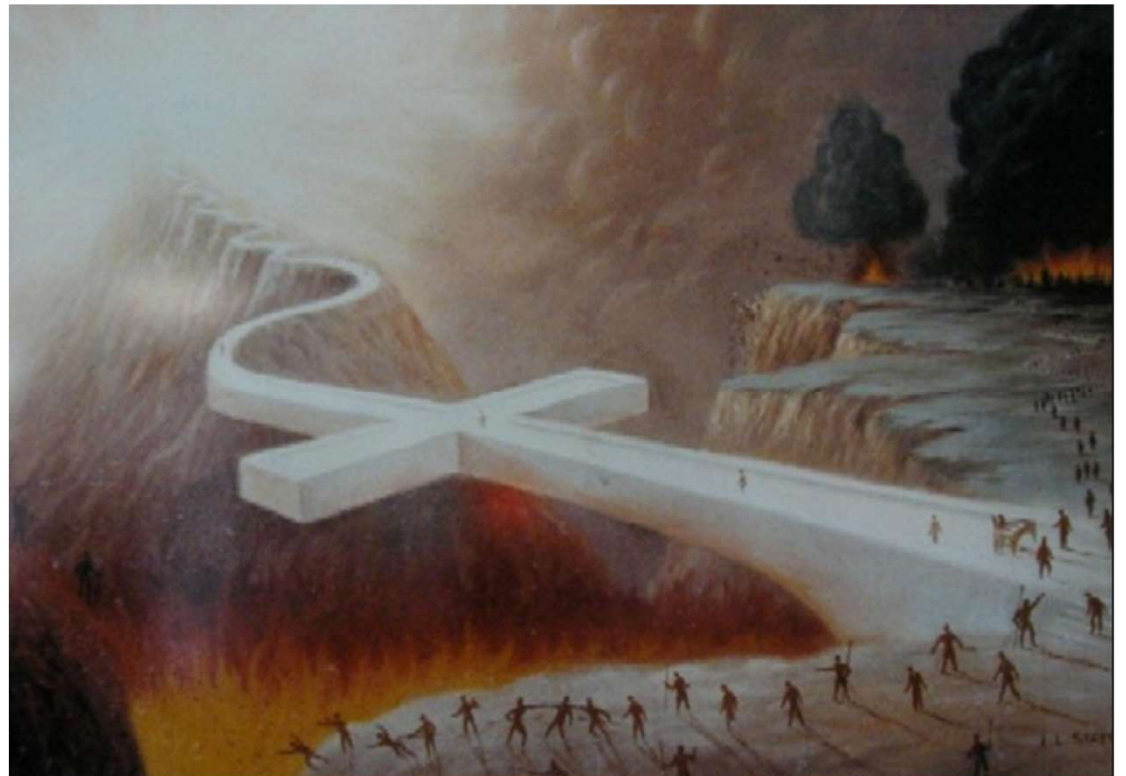
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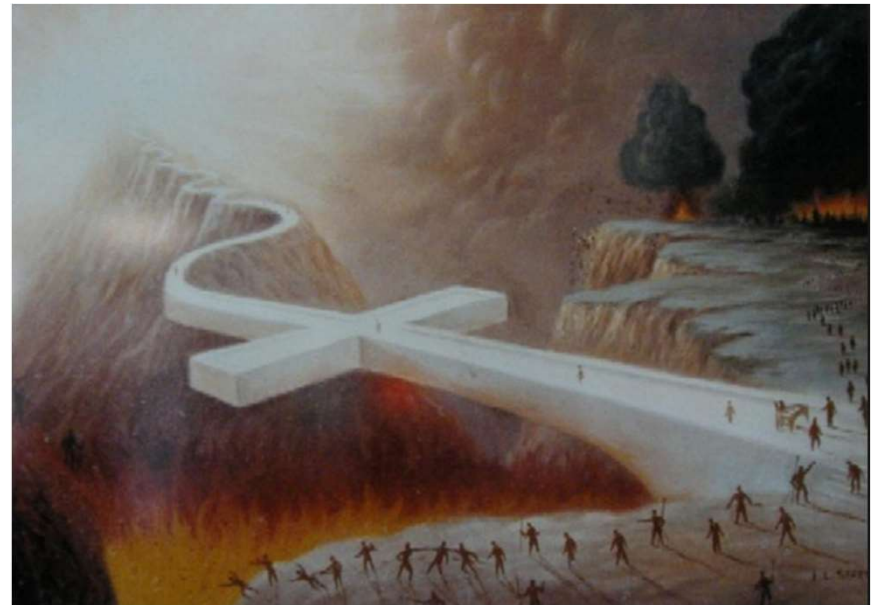
*Paul had seen the power of the Gospel in his own life and in the lives of thousands.

“salvation to every one that believeth”

*(Acts 16:30) ...what must I do to be saved? (31) And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.***



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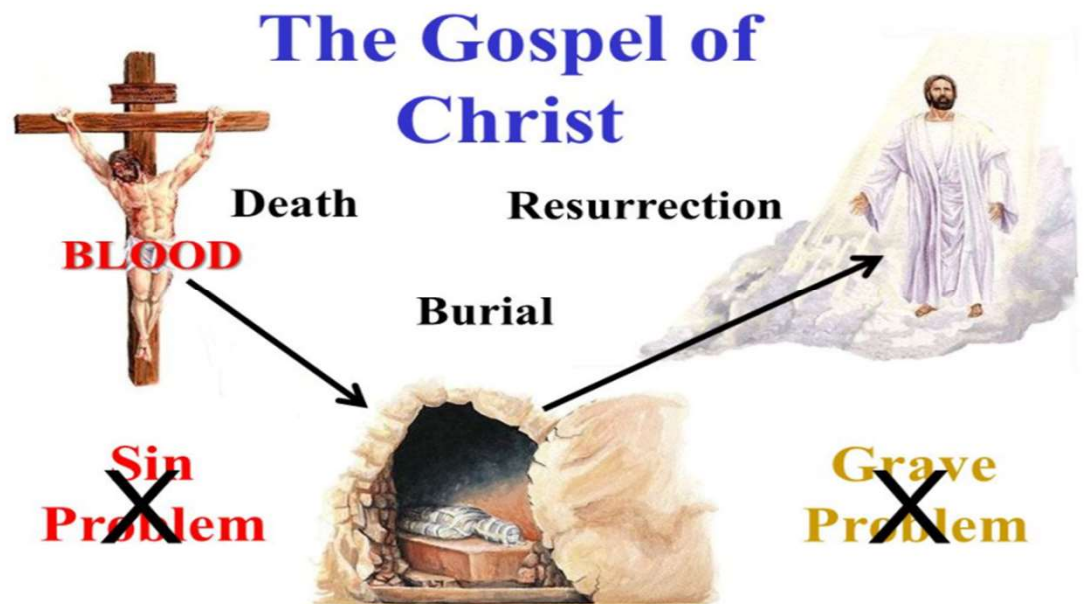
(Rom 1:16) “to the Jew first, and also to the Greek”



- * God chose **Abraham** and Israel
- * God sent **prophets** through Israel
- * **Jesus** was born in Israel
- * The **apostles**, from Israel, first told Israel
- * **Paul** always first entered the **synagogues** (**Jews church**) to preach the gospel.
 - After Israel rejected the gospel, the gospel was preached to the Gentiles (Greek)

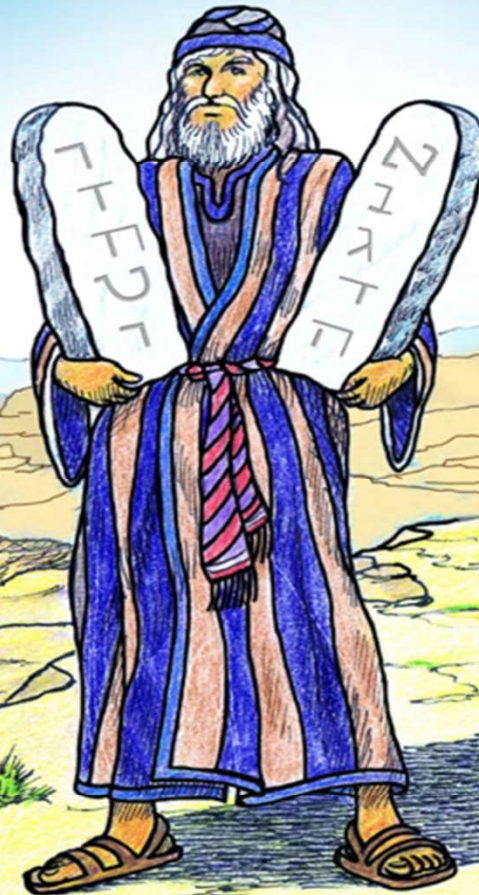
The Gospel shows how God can stay perfectly righteous and accept sinners who believe.

(Romans 1:17) *For therein (**gospel**) is **the righteousness of God** revealed (**show**) from faith to faith: as it is written, The just (**right people**) shall live by faith.*



“the righteousness of God”

The Law



Demands Perfect Obedience

“the righteousness of God”

GOD Says



**Even one sin outweighs
a lifetime of good deeds.**

(Rom. 1:17) ***“the righteousness of God”***

If God says, “Sin = good,” is God = righteous?

No

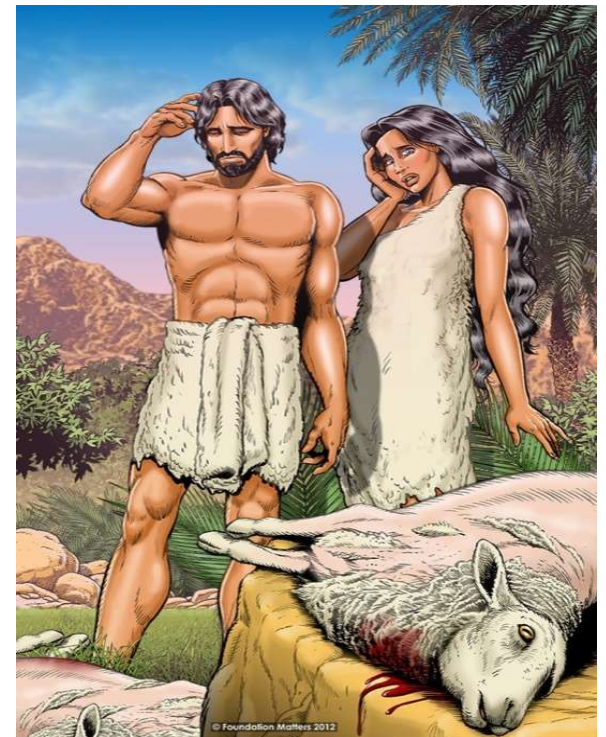
God must say, “Sin = wrong.”

God must punish sin.



God killed an animal to teach how Adam and Eve could be acceptable (good) by Him.

Killing the animal = Christ's death for our sins.



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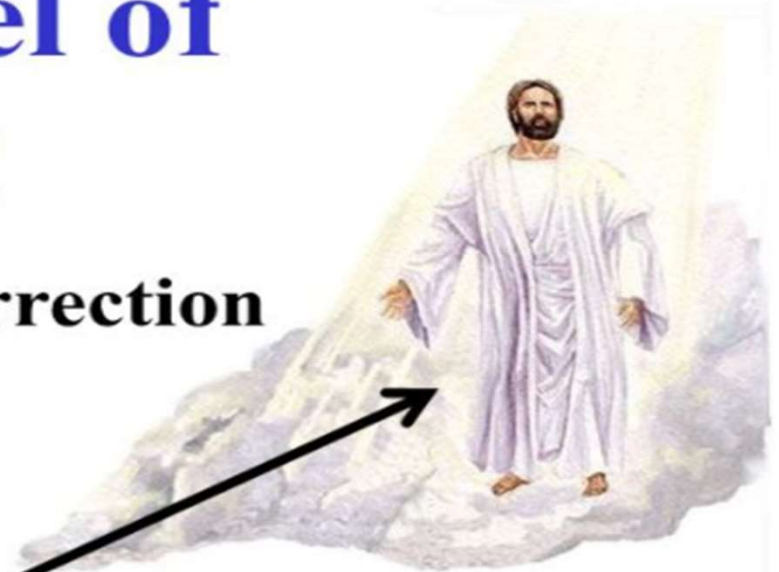


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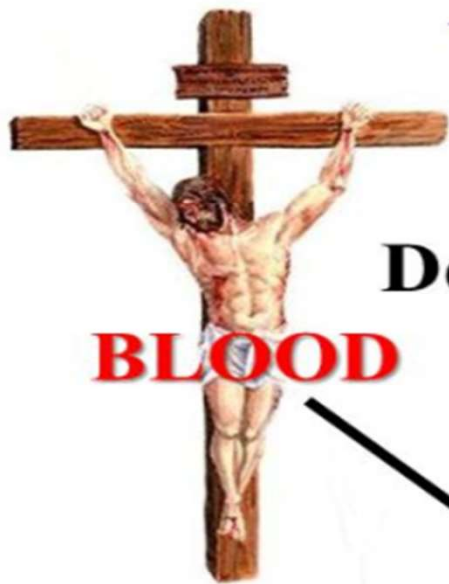
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Gospel

power and righteousness of God

The Gospel of Christ

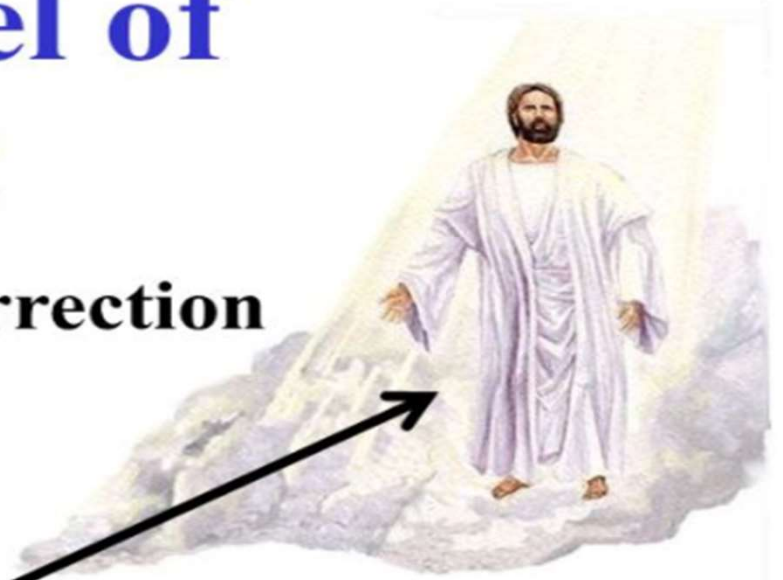


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(Rom. 1:17) “from **faith** to **faith**: as it is written, The **just** (*right people*) shall live by **faith**”



Justification (**make right**)

God makes us right/acceptable to Him

- * God **sent** Jesus into the world to save us
- * God **put our sins** on Jesus
- * God **punished** Jesus for our sins
- * God **raised** Jesus from the dead
- * God **taught** us about our sin and **led** us to put our faith in Jesus alone for salvation.

**God made us acceptable to Him
through Jesus.**

In **Adam's family** we were
unacceptable (**not good**) to God.

In **Christ's family** we are fully
acceptable (**good**) to God.

God accepts us in the righteousness of
the Lord Jesus Christ.