



*In Christ alone*  
**MY HOPE**



*is found*

◆ FOR I AM ◆  
**NOT ASHAMED**  
OF THE  
**G O S P E L**  
FOR IT  
◆ IS THE ◆  
**POWER OF GOD**  
FOR **SALVATION** TO  
EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES

ROMANS 1:16

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**MEET GOD**

**MAKE FRIENDS**

**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

*Leading people into a growing  
relationship with Jesus Christ.*



What is the  
gospel?

# 1. Person! (vv. 1 – 7)

The Gospel is wrapped up in a person: Jesus Christ

- his humanity (v3)
- his divinity (v4)
- his conquering death and resurrection (v4)
- the one who calls us to obedience (v5)
- the one in whom we find our ultimate belonging (v6)

# 1. Person! (vv. 1 – 7)

euangeloi

- ‘good herald’ – announcing news of a victory won, a new ruler, a decisive change as result of a battle

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To not be ashamed of the gospel is to have a complete allegiance, and complete abandonment to Christ.

- to believe news of his victory
- to live in the light of it





## 2. Proclaimer! (vv. 8 - 14)


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- *Indebted*
- *Eager*
- *Unashamed*



“but we preach  
Christ crucified: a  
stumbling block to  
Jews and  
foolishness to  
Gentiles”

1 Cor 1: 23



### 3. Power! (vv. 15 - 18)

The proclamation of the gospel  
– the person and work of Jesus  
Christ – changes lives!

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*“For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last.”* (v17)


“I labored diligently and anxiously as to how to understand Paul’s word... the expression ‘the righteousness of God’ blocked the way because I took it to mean that righteousness whereby God is righteous and deals righteously in punishing the unrighteous. Although an impeccable monk, I stood before God as a sinner...therefore I did not love a righteous and angry God, but rather hated and murmured against him...



“Then I grasped that the righteousness of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us by faith. Thereupon I felt myself to be reborn and to have gone through open doors into paradise....I broke through. And as I had formerly hated the expression ‘the righteousness of God,’ I now began to regard it as my dearest and most comforting word.’

(Luther's Commentary on the Epistle of Romans)





For he has rescued us from the  
dominion of darkness and  
brought us into the kingdom of  
the Son he loves, in whom we  
have redemption, the  
forgiveness of sins.

*Colossians 1: 13 - 14*

# Peter at Pentecost

- v.31 Jesus is the Messiah
- v.32 Jesus is raised to life from the dead
- v.33 Holy Spirit sent to convict, enliven,  
apply the proclamation
- v.36 We are crucifiers of this Messiah  
because of sin
- v.37. Jesus stands before us as Lord and  
Messiah, and demands allegiance



# Peter at Pentecost

v.37            What must we do?

= **repent** (change allegiance, turn around)

= **be baptised** (cleansing and identification)

= **receive the Spirit** (transformation)

