

If Necessary, Use Words

The Gospel Ignored (v 1-4)

Two Ways to Become Righteous:

1. Build Your Own Righteousness
2. Receive the Righteousness of God

“Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.” (v. 4)

The Gospel Explained (v. 5-13)

Verse 9: Inward belief and outward confession, are tied together.

An inward belief without an outward confession is useless.

An outward confession without an inward belief is fake.

What is necessary for salvation?

- Jesus, God incarnate, crucified, risen, reigning, accessible.
- The gospel is the good news which makes him known.
- Salvation is found through simple trust in this on the part of those who hear.

The Gospel Proclaimed (v. 14-15)

Christ sends heralds, heralds preach, people hear, hearers believe, believers call, those who call are saved.

“No sort of defense is needed for preaching out of doors; but it would need very potent arguments to prove that a man had done his duty who has never preached beyond the walls of his meeting-house. A defense is required rather for services within buildings than for worship outside of them.”

—Charles Spurgeon

The Response (v. 16-21)

“I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, ‘Here am I, here am I.’ All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people.”

—Isaiah 65:1-2

God has held out his hands in the face of our disobedience, inviting us into salvation life with him, and the opportunity to share him with others.

Discussion Questions:

- When is the last time you shared the Good News of Jesus with someone?
- What are the hurdles you have to overcome when thinking about telling people about Jesus?
- Do your inward belief and outward confession stand in contrast or unison toward one another?

