

# **Gospel: Introduction**

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Romans 1:14-17 (ESV)

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### **1. Because the Gospel was vitally important to the Apostles.**

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**\*So vital that Paul was obligated to proclaim it**

**\*So vital that Paul was eager to preach it**

**\*So vital that Paul was not ashamed of it**

### **2. Because the Gospel is vitally important for us today, v.16-17.**

**\*In it we find salvation**

**\*In it we find acceptance**

**\*In it we find righteousness**

**\*In it we find life**

**3. Because the Gospel is grievously unknown and misunderstood by the very ones who claim to believe it.**

**What the Gospel isn't:**

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**\*Not simply that God is love**

**\*Not that God sent His Son so that we can go to Heaven**

**\*Not that God wants to give us ponies and rainbows**

**\*Not that Jesus came to give us an example of how to live**

**\*Not cultural transformation**

**\*Not the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus**

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**\*A truth about man**

**\*A story of pursuit**

**\*A call for response**

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