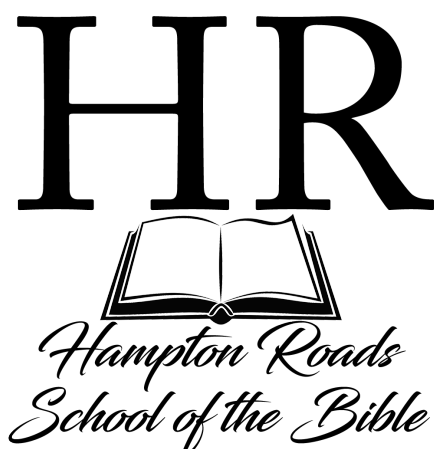


CORE CLASSES: Foundations Personal Evangelism I
Student Notes



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Lesson 4 – The Power

Introduction: The gospel that we share with people is very powerful. Not only do we need to know it is our responsibility to share the gospel, but we need to know what tools to share it. In Romans 1:16, we find these words, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”* In this lesson, we will discover four ways in which the gospel is powerful.

Notes

Originating Power

The gospel that we share with others is not something that was thrown together last minute but something that God had planned long before. (I Peter 1:20)

The _____

Revelation 13:8 tells us, *“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”*

- God told of the seed of the woman in Genesis 3:15.
- God told of the death of the cross in Isaiah 53 and Psalm 22.
- God told of the resurrection from the dead in Psalm 16:10.

The _____

Not only was the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ foretold, but it was fulfilled. **Galatians 4:4** tells us, *“But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,”*

- He bore the pain

The pain of the cross was the pain that we were to bear for our sins. The wrath of God that was poured out upon Jesus was intended for me. When we read the Scriptures that tell of the cross, we read it was for us—

Romans 5:8 *“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*

Isaiah 53:11 *“He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities.”*

- The burial and resurrection.
- Psalm 126:5-6; Acts 1:8

Illuminating Power

I Corinthians 2:14 tells of the plight of man. *“But the natural man **receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God**: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”*

If it were not for the Spirit of God, man could not comprehend what Christ has done for him. God reveals truth to man. The Word of God reveals the truth about the cross, and the reason for it, and the Spirit of God reveals the truth of the gospel that man must respond.

Regenerating Power

I Peter 3:18 *“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but **quicken**ed by the Spirit.”*

Colossians 2:13 *“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath **he quickened together with him**, having forgiven you all trespasses;”*

When someone receives the gospel, they are brought to life. We are made alive, though we were dead. What does that mean for a believer?

- A change in our eternal destination. John 3:36
- A change in a believer's life. II Corinthians 5:17
- A change in the hope for the future.

Hope in the _____.

- God watches over the believer.
- God provides for His children.
- God knows what is best for me.
- God will never leave or forsake me.

Hope in the _____.

- The believer now knows there is a home in heaven that awaits him.
- The believer knows that he will one day meet Jesus face to face.
- The believer knows he will see lived ones who are believers as well.
- The believer knows he will be separated from sin.

Perpetuating Power

Eternal life is the present possession of every believer. When someone receives Christ, they are saved to the uttermost. (**Hebrews 7:25**) The Bible says we are “...sealed unto the day of redemption.” (**Ephesians 4:30**). Nothing can separate us from the love of God. (**Romans 8:35-39**)

The power in God’s gospel is not just for saving someone from hell. It is not just for changing one’s destination, but it is for keeping us with Him in this life and the life that is to come. There will never be a time when I am no longer a child of God.