

## IN THE GOSPEL YOU FIND ROMANS 1:16,17

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: The gospel, according to Paul, is God's plan of salvation and God's righteous life to live. These two verses are considered by Kent Hughes to be the massive theme of the Bible. R. Kent Hughes, Romans: Righteousness from Heaven, p. 26.

**GOD'S POWER TO BELIEVE.** When you present the gospel, you are presenting God's power to believe. (**Romans 1:16, fn 1:16[1<sup>st</sup>], I Corinthians 1:18, fn 1:22-24, Romans 3:23, fn 3:23, John 1:12,13, fn 1:12, 13, I Corinthians 15:1-8**) *How can you keep from being ashamed to share the gospel?*

**GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED.** "In both the OT and NT, righteousness is the state commanded by God and standing the test of His judgment... Since God Himself is the standard of the believers, the righteousness of God means the righteousness which belongs to God or to oneself from God..." Spiros Zodhiates, The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament, p. 458, 459. This righteousness from God is not earned, but rather is God's gift, and its revelation to us is supernatural. (**Romans 1:17a, Romans 4:20-25, fn 4:25, II Corinthians 5:21, fn 5:21, Philippians 3:7-10, fn 3:9**) *How is God's righteousness revealed in your life?*

**GOD'S GIFT OF FAITH TO LIVE GOD'S RIGHTEOUS LIFE.** The definition of exercising faith (believing) given in the Amplified Bible is "to adhere to, trust in, and rely on." Faith is trusting that what God says is true. When God saves us, He exchanges our sin for His righteousness and gives us faith to believe what He has done. As we trust (exercise our faith) that what God says about us is true, He works in us to conform us to the image of Jesus. (**Romans 1:17b, fn 1:17{1<sup>st</sup>}, fn 1:17[2<sup>nd</sup>], Galatians 3:11, fn 3:11, Romans 3:21, 22, fn 3:21-29, Romans 5:1, 2, fn 5:2-5, Romans 9:30-33, fn 9:31-33**) *Why is it impossible to please God without faith?*

*Check up—Are you praying with your spouse and your family? Group—Pray for personal requests and bond together by fellowshiping together.*