

The Gospel Changes Men 2 Timothy 3:16-17

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God Created Man

- Genesis 1:27, *“And God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.”*

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God Gave The Plan

- Romans 1:16-17, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is revealed a righteousness of God from faith unto faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live by faith.”*

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Questions:

- Is the gospel, as God gave it; adapted to man, as God made him?
- If not, then why not?
 - To say that He COULD NOT, limits the power of God.
 - To say that He WOULD NOT, reflects upon the goodness of God and transfers the responsibility of man to God. (**cf. Acts 10:34**)

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What About Man Must Change?

- Jeremiah 17:9, *“**The heart** is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know it?”*

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What About Man Must Change?

- Matthew 15:18-20, *“But the things which proceed out of the mouth come forth out of **the heart**; and they defile the man. For out of **the heart** come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, railings: these are the things which defile the man”*

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What About Man Must Change?

- **Acts 15:8-9**, “*And God, who knoweth the heart, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Spirit, even as he did unto us; and he made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith.*”

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What Is Man?

- **Thinks** – Genesis 6:5;
Proverbs 23:7
- **Reasons** – Mark 2:8
- **Understands** – Matthew. 13:15
- **Believes** – Acts 8:37;
Romans 10:10

Intellect

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What Is Man?

- **Plans and Intends** –
Hebrews 4:12
- **Purposes** – 2 Corinthians 9:7
- **Executes obedience** –
Romans 6:17

Will

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What Is Man?

- **Desires** – Romans 10:1
- **Loves** – Matthew 22:37
- **Trusts** – Proverbs 3:5

Emotions

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God Wants To Change Man's Heart

Intellect

- Thinking. 2 Corinthians 10:5;
Isaiah 55:8-9
- Reasoning. Isaiah 1:18
 - Faith. John 8:24

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Will

- Intentions. Romans 6:16ff
- Purpose.
 - Execute His Will.

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Emotions

Desire.

- Love. 1 John 4:7-10
- Trust. Philippians 4:13

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What Is The Gospel?

- **FACTS** to be believed.
cf. Mark 1:14-15; Romans 1:16-17;
John 20:30-31; Romans 3:23ff;
Titus 1:2-3; Acts 2

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What Is The Gospel?

- **COMMANDMENTS** to be obeyed.
2 Thessalonians 1:7-9; cf. Romans 2:8-9
 - Faith – John 8:24; John 6:27-29; Mark 1:14-15
 - Repentance – Acts 17:30-31; Romans 6:12;
1 Corinthians 6:9-11
 - Confession – Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10;
cf. Acts 8:37; cf. John 12:42-43
 - Baptism – Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38;
Galatians 3:26-27
 - Faithfulness – 1 Corinthians. 15:1-4, 58;
Revelation 2:10

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What Is The Gospel?

- **PROMISES** in which to trust.
Romans 8:24-25;
Hebrews 6:15-16, 19; 11:10

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Gospel Changed The Jews Acts 2

- **FACTS** presented. Verses 22-36
- **COMMANDS** given. Verses 36,38
- **PROMISES** offered. Verses 38-39

Hearts changed: *“They then that received his word were baptized: and there were added (unto them) in that day about three thousand souls.” Verse 41*

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Gospel Changed Saul of Tarsus

- **FACTS** presented.
 - Acts 9:5, *“I am Jesus whom thou persecutest”*
 - cf. 2 Timothy 1:12, *“I know whom I have believed ...”*
 - cf. Acts 26:28-29 Paul was persuaded.
- **COMMANDS** given.
 - Acts 22:16, *“Arise and be baptized ...”*
 - Acts 9:18 – Paul *“arose and was baptized.”*
- **PROMISES** trusted.
 - Acts 13:23-32; 26:6-7
 - 2 Corinthians 4:7,16-5:1; Romans 8:18;
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 18

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The Gospel Will Change You Too!!!

Romans 1:16, *“For I am not
ashamed of the gospel: for it is the
power of God unto salvation ...”*

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