

The Gospel of God

The Promise of Power

Romans 1:16-17

The First Step

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Five Key Concepts
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Three Key Words

⇒ _____ (*euangelion*)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel.

(Romans 1:16)

⇒ _____ Of _____ (*dikaiosune theou*)

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For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed. (Romans 15:8)

⇒ _____ (*pistis – pisteuo*)

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Two Key Questions

1) _____ Is Your _____ (*soteria*)?

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation. (Romans 1:16)

Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. (Philippians 2:12-13)

2) _____ . . . Is _____ (*dunamis*)?

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For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power. (1 Corinthians 4:20)

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The idea that you can trust Christ and not intend to obey him is an illusion generated by the prevalence of an unbelieving "Christian culture." In fact, you can no more trust Jesus and not intend to obey him than you could trust your doctor and your auto mechanic and not intend to follow their advice. . . .

Indeed, no one can actually believe the truth about him without trusting him by intending to obey him. It is a mental impossibility. (Dallas Willard, *Renovation of the Heart*)