

## **“The Gospel Of God”**

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The New Testament records seven references to the soul saving gospel of Christ, which is “the power of God unto salvation,” as “the gospel of God” (Romans 1:16). First, let’s take note of the passages. Second, let’s share some concise, edifying observations about them.

### **Romans 1:1**

“Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God.”

### **Romans 15:16**

“That I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost [or Holy Spirit].”

### **2 Corinthians 11:7-8**

“Have I committed an offence in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I have preached to you the gospel of God freely? I robbed other churches, taking wages of them, to do you service.”

### **1 Thessalonians 2:1-2**

“For yourselves, brethren, know our entrance in unto you, that it was not in vain: But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.”

### **1 Thessalonians 2:8-9**

“So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us. For ye remember, brethren, our labor and travail: for laboring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.”

### **1 Peter 4:16-19**

“Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.”

- THE GOSPEL OF GOD was a separated life for the apostles.
- THE GOSPEL OF GOD was “ministered” to Jews and Gentiles alike.
- THE GOSPEL OF GOD was preached in hard places with financial support from churches of Christ in other locations.
- THE GOSPEL OF GOD was preached amid “much contention” at times.
- THE GOSPEL OF GOD was preached by those who when necessary worked full-time to financially support themselves.
- THE GOSPEL OF GOD is the standard in the Judgment to saints and sinners alike.
- THE GOSPEL OF GOD as the standard in the Judgment will be applied to Christians first, then to sinners.