

## 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**

### What Is Man?

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

**Will**

### What Is Man?

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

**Emotions**

### 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; Luke 13:3; 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; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 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

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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

## 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; Romans 8:18; 2 Timothy 4:6-8

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## The Gospel Will Change You Too!

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ashamed of the gospel: for it is the  
power of God unto salvation ..."*

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