

The Gospel Changes Everything Series  
#1 The Gospel & True Faith – Pt I – Rev. K. Edwards  
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## **I. The PROCLAIMERS of the GOSPEL**

How was Paul launched into the ministry of sharing the gospel in missionary service? Reread Acts 13:1-3 How may we discover what the Holy Spirit desires us to do in the work of Christ in this new year?

Look up Acts 16:1-3 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17. How did Timothy's conversion differ from that of Saul's? What challenges might those in our church family who came to faith as children have as they mature in the Lord?

## **II. The PROMISES of the GOSPEL**

Paul had urged Timothy to stay in Ephesus in order to be an instrument in God's hand to fulfill the PROMISES of the gospel. Reread 1 Timothy 1:3-7 Consider the content, the goal and the impact of teaching on those who accept sound doctrine in contrast with those who follow false doctrine. "Every era has its heresies." How does the Holy Spirit and the Word of God enable us to distinguish truth from error?

## **III. The PURPOSES of the GOSPEL**

How does the Law of God portray our need for the Gospel?  
Look up Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5. Review the 10 commandments. Why is it important to proclaim the law (God's standards) to those who have not yet trusted in Jesus Christ?  
How has God shown you the need of your own heart? In what sense are we all law breakers (Romans 3:23)?  
Read Galatians 3:19-25 Is the law able to make us right with God? Why not?  
How are we "justified" or declared "right with God?"

Next Sunday (January 11<sup>th</sup>) we'll see the evidence of God's grace in Paul's life. Pray that the gospel will be made crystal clear by the power of God's Spirit as His word is proclaimed.