

Creekside Community Church
"Transformed"
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Believe

A. What is the Gospel? (Romans 1:13-17)

B. What Does "Believe" Mean? (James 2:19-20)

C. How Believing the Gospel Transforms Us.

For further thought and discussion:

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. Is there anything you would like to change about yourself? What changes can you accomplish? What changes can only God accomplish?

Going Deeper

3. Please read Romans 1:13-17. Notice that Paul says, *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel..."* (vs. 16) Why might some first century Christians be ashamed of the gospel? Why might some 21st century Christians be ashamed of the gospel? Why wasn't Paul ashamed?
4. What does Paul mean by "the power of God for salvation?" What do we need to be saved from? Why? Why can't we save ourselves? (note: the gospel is *"the power of God for salvation"*)
5. What do you think Paul means by, *"to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek?"* Belief traditionally has been understood as knowing, agreeing and trusting. Which aspect of belief is most difficult for you? Why? Do you think some people think they believe but actually do not? Why or why not?
6. In vs. 17 what does Paul mean by, *"For in it, (the gospel) the righteousness of God is revealed..."* What do you think Paul means by "the righteousness of God?" Why do we need to be made righteous before God? Who according to vs. 16-17 does God make righteous? How does God make us righteous? How does the righteousness of God save us?
7. Think of someone you consider to be Christlike. What is it about them that reminds you of Jesus? What role does faith have in their life?
8. The New Testament teaches that we're saved by believing the gospel and we grow by believing the gospel. What's one way you have grown by believing the gospel (or if you don't yet believe, what is one thing that is holding you back from believing?)

Application: What is one lesson you've learned from this passage and how will you apply it to your life?