

AN OLD MESSAGE IN A MODERN WORLD  
Romans 1:16

Introduction:

1. Week after week sermons are preached on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
2. How would you define gospel? (Good tidings – News)
3. Actually, the gospel, in its simplicity, is a message of Christ as Saviour. This is the power of God unto salvation.
4. However, is this message up to date in this modern world of ours?
5. With such great advancements being made is the gospel necessary today?
6. To answer, let us consider three thoughts.

I. THE GOSPEL, AN OLD MESSAGE.

- A. The gospel is older than human history.  
Scripture: **Revelation 13:8** *“And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.”*
- B. God preached the gospel in the presence of Adam and Eve. He told of Christ crushing the serpent's head.  
Scripture: **Genesis 3:15** *“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”*
- C. God preached the gospel to Abraham.  
Scripture: **Galatians 3:8** *“And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.”*  
Scripture: **Galatians 3:6** *“Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.”*
- D. The gospel was sent out in the Law Age by the law and the prophets.  
Scripture: **John 5:39** *“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me.”*  
Scripture: **Acts 10:43** *“To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.”*
- E. For nearly two thousand years the Lord's churches have proclaimed and sung out the good news.
- F. Therefore, it is easily seen that the gospel is certainly an old message.

II. THE GOSPEL, AN OLD MESSAGE IN A MODERN WORLD.

- A. We live in a modern world.
  1. Skies are filled with sonic booms and we are accustomed to atomic blasts.
  2. Cobblestone streets have been replaced by expressways and superhighways.
  3. Trips to the moon are now a reality.
  4. We live in a world of luxury. (Pews – air conditioning – cars)
- B. Satan used the changing of the times to try to get changes in the gospel. The modern cry is:
  1. That Jesus was not virgin born.
  2. That Jesus is not really the Son of God.
  3. That the blood of Jesus does not really cleanse from sin.  
(They preach not a gospel that saves, but one that pleases.)
- C. I am not ashamed of the old fashioned gospel. (It is still the power of God unto salvation.)

### III. THE GOSPEL IS MADE EVER NEW BY THREE OLD PROBLEMS.

A. Sin is an old problem which makes the gospel new.

1. We have rockets that can lift a man into space.
2. Yet only the power of God can lift a man from sin.
3. Sin still has its strangle hold on man.

Scripture: **Romans 6:23** *“For the wages of sin is death; . . . .”*

B. Death makes the gospel needed today.

1. The modern doctor, bless him, can do wonders.
2. Great advances are being made in the field of medicine.
3. Yet no doctor can prevent death. He can only help prolong life.
4. Only Jesus can overcome the problem of death for man.

Scripture: **John 11:25-26** *“Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. . . .”*

C. The devil makes the gospel ever new.

1. He is the arch enemy of man.
2. Man has deadly weapons, but none can touch his greatest enemy.
3. Only Christ can crush the serpents head.

Conclusion:

1. The gospel is an old message but is still a new message to those who will accept it.
2. It is a powerful message that can change men from animals to saints.
3. It is the only hope for lost mankind.