

LIQUID
CHURCH

The Gospel

Paul's Teachings

Sunday 5th November 2023



Romans 1:1; 16-17

New Revised Standard Version

¹ Paul, a servant (slave) of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the **gospel** of God,...

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**; it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed through faith for faith; as it is written, 'The one who is righteous will live by faith.'

The Gospel - *euangelion* - according to Paul

Isaiah 52:7 *New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised*

How beautiful upon the mountains

are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,

who brings good news,

who announces salvation,

who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'

To Jews

**To Romans
& all Rulers**

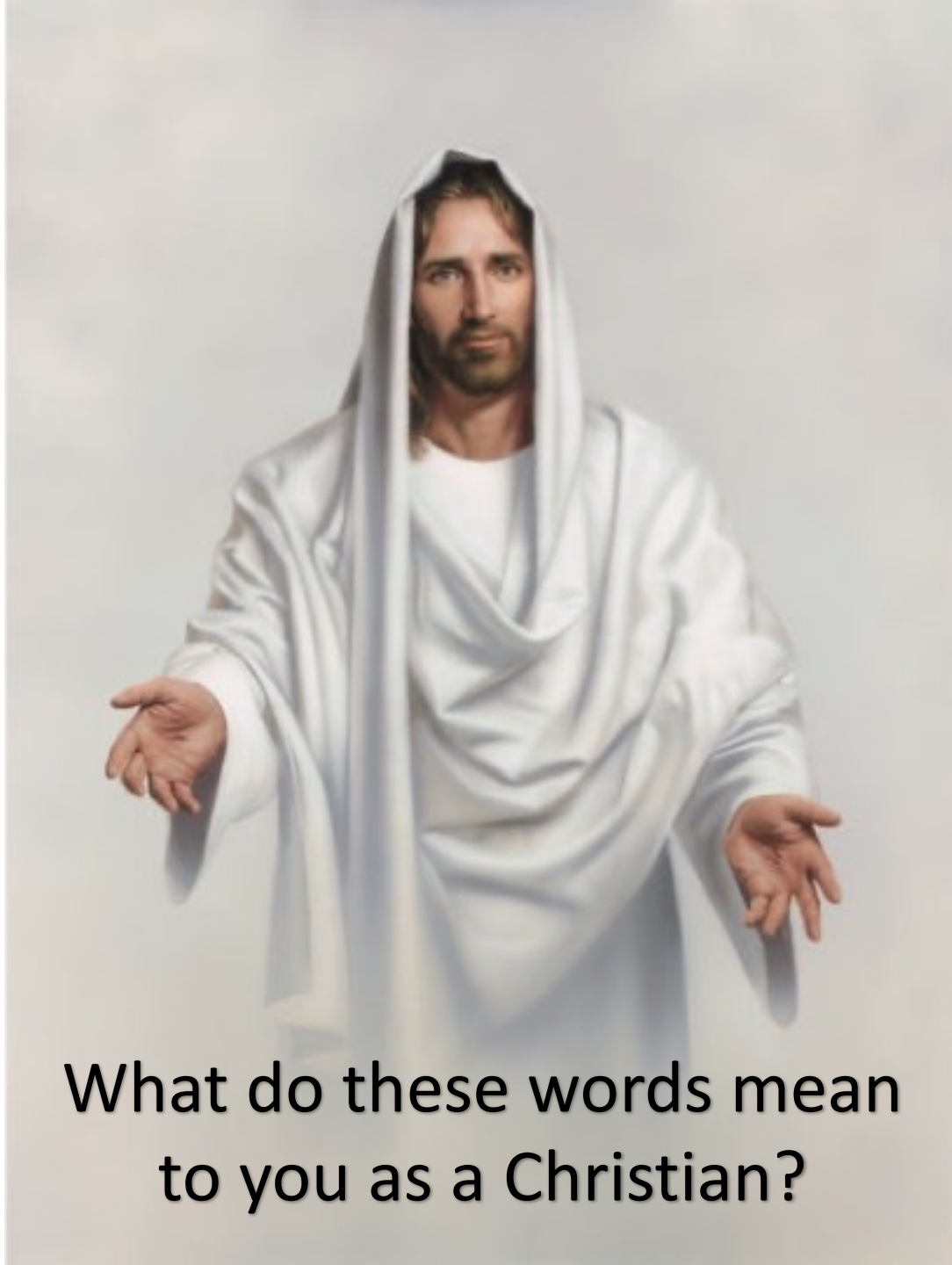
Proclaiming
Good News

Son of God
Son of Man

Lord

Peace

Law/Spirit



What do these words mean
to you as a Christian?

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Justice

Salvation

Redemption

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What do these words mean
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Psalm 71. *New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised*

¹ In you, O Lord, I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me and save me.

¹⁵ My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,
of your deeds of salvation all day long,
though their number is past my knowledge.

¹⁶ I will come praising the mighty deeds of the Lord God,
I will praise your righteousness, yours alone.

Your power ¹⁹ and your righteousness, O God,
reach the high heavens.

You who have done great things,
O God, who is like you?

²⁴ All day long my tongue will talk of your righteous help,
for those who tried to do me harm
have been put to shame, and disgraced.

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The Kingdom of God
has invaded this world
like the Trojan Horse!



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We are not ashamed of the GOSPEL because we know that...

1. All principalities and powers and enemies of YHWH have been defeated
2. This present evil age has been invaded by the “end” (*eschaton*), that is, the crucified and risen Christ (the “already/not yet” age = The Kingdom of God)
3. God’s faithfulness, justice and righteousness (i.e., cosmic restorative justice) has been vindicated and revealed in Christ
4. Salvation (for Paul) is more about God’s faithfulness to His covenantal promises (righteous justice) invading this present age, than a “ticket to heaven after we die”
5. Proclamation of the Good News of the Kingdom has an inherent God-infused power of its own (i.e., resurrection power) to save, heal and transform this fallen world

Communion



“The Gospel is the power of God for salvation” (Rom. 1:16)

“Do this as often as you meet together so that you don’t forget Jesus and what He has done for ALL people groups”