"The All-Sufficiency Of The Gospel"

Lesson Text: Romans 1:16.

Sufficient: "Enough to meet the needs of a situation or a proposed end." (Webster)

I. The Gospel Is Powerful.

- Romans 1:13-17.
- 1. Verse 16- "power" dunamis (Grk) "the potentiality to exert force in performing some function—'power.'" Louw, J. P., & Nida, E. A. (1996).
- 2. Powerful message of love- John 3:16-17; Eph. 2:2-6; 2 Cor. 5:14-15.
- 3. Powerful over sin and death- Romans 6:1-6; 20-22.
- 4. Powerful in saving power- 1 Corinthians 1:18; Revelation 1:5.
- 5. It is all we need to be righteous with God's power! Romans 1:17.

II. The Gospel Is Perfect.

James 1:25.

- 1. Things that are perfect do not need improving.
- 2. The Law of Moses could not bring perfection, but the gospel does! Hebrews 7:19; Hebrews 10:1.
- 3. Why we should not go back to the Law of Moses- Galatians 5:1-4.
- 4. Perfect in converting the sinner- Psalm 19:7; Acts 8:4-12.
- **5.** There have been a lot of Schemes, Campaigns, Gimmicks, and Rallies to make the gospel more effective, especially when it comes to our youth!
 - Youth rallies, fun, games, and activities designed to appeal to youth!
 - Some even try using food: pizza parties, ice cream socials to entice.
- 6. Jesus' words in John 6:25-27; 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; 1 Cor. 11:34; 14:17.
- 7. If it takes more than the gospel to convert us, are we really converted to Christ?

III. The Gospel Is Complete.

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

- 1. 2 Peter 1:2-3. We have "all things."
- 2. No progressive revelation, new light, or another Testament (Book of Mormon)
 - is needed- **Jude 1:3** "The adverb *once for all* (ἄπαξ, *hapax*) seems to indicate that the doctrinal convictions of the early church had been substantially codified. That is to say, Jude could appeal to *written* documents of the Christian faith in his arguments with the false teachers." Biblical Studies Press. <u>The NET Bible First Edition; Bible. English. NET Bible.; The NET Bible</u>.
- 3. Holy Spirit indwelling not needed to "guide you into all truth." John 16:13.
- 4. Men who claim to be modern day prophets and apostles still use the Word!

IV. The Gospel Is Enduring.

- Matthew 24:35; 1 Peter 1:25.
- 1. 1 Peter 1:22-24. Just as long as man needs salvation the Word endures!
- 2. Men may deny it, ignore it, defame it, and shame it! But John 12:48 still is true!