



## 7 Benefits of Preaching the Gospel to the Church

Romans 1:15

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### The Gospel should be preached to Christians

- **Romans 1:15**  
So, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome
- **1Corinthians 15:1, 2**  
Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.

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### 7 Benefits of Gospel Preaching in the Church

- 1) The lost will be converted
- 2) Those not converted will be convicted
- 3) The saints will become unified in the gospel
- 4) The gospel sanctifies Christians
- 5) The saints will be motivated to evangelize
- 6) Preaching the gospel does what creeds do only better
- 7) The gospel creates hope in the hearts of Christians

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### 1) The lost will be converted

- **1Corinthians 1:17, 18** (NKJV)  
For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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### 1) The lost will be converted

- **1Corinthians 1:21** (NKJV)  
For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.

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### 2) Those not converted will be convicted

- **1Corinthians 14:24**  
But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or an ungifted man enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all;

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2) Those not converted will be convicted

■ **Acts 7:54**

When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with their teeth.

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3) The saints will become unified in the Gospel

■ **Philippians 1:27**

Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, **I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;**

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3) The saints will become unified in the Gospel

■ **Ephesians 4:3 - 6**

**being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.** There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.

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4) The gospel sanctifies Christians

■ **Galatians 2:20, 21**

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; **and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.** I do not nullify the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.

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4) The gospel sanctifies Christians

■ **Galatians 3:1 - 3**

You foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? This is the only thing I want to find out from you: did you receive the Spirit by the works of the Law, or by hearing with faith? **Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?**

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5) The saints will be motivated to evangelize

■ **1Peter 3:15**

but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

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6) Preaching the gospel does what creeds do only better

■ **Colossians 1:5, 6**

because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in **the word of truth, the gospel**, which has come to you, just as in all the world also **it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth;**

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The Creed of Christ's Preeminence  
Colossians 1:15-20 (NIV)

15a- **He is** the image of the invisible God  
15b- the **firstborn over all creation.**  
16- For by him all things were created: **things in heaven and on earth,** visible and invisible, whether thrones [visible] or powers [visible] or rulers [invisible] or authorities [invisible]; all things were created by him and for him. Stanza 1

17a- **And He is** before all things, Center  
17b- and in him all things hold together Summation  
18a- **And He is** the head of the body, the church

18b- **He is** the beginning  
18b- and the **firstborn from among the dead,** so that in everything he might have the supremacy Stanza 2  
19- For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,  
20- and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether **things on earth or things in heaven** by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Stanza 2

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6) Preaching the gospel does what creeds do only better

■ **Colossians 1:21, 22**

And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach

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6) Preaching the gospel does what creeds do only better

■ **Colossians 1:23**

if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, and **not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard,** which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

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7) The gospel creates hope in the hearts of Christians

■ **Romans 8:24, 24**

For in hope we have been saved, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one also hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, with perseverance we wait eagerly for it.

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7) The gospel creates hope in the hearts of Christians

■ **Romans 8:28**

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

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- **Romans 8:29 - 30**

For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the first-born among many brethren; and whom He predestined, these He also called; and whom He called, these He also justified; and whom He justified, these He also glorified.

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Though sin can wage war against us (hence our struggle), it cannot reign over us. That is also part of the gospel. But the success of our struggle with sin begins with our believing deep down in our hearts that regardless of our failures and our struggle, we have died to sin's guilt. We must believe that however often we fail, there is no condemnation for us (Rom. 8:1).

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For a growing Christian, desire will always outstrip performance or, at least, perceived performance. What is it then that will keep us going in the face of this tension between desire and performance? The answer is the gospel. It is the assurance in the gospel that we have indeed died to the guilt of sin and that there is no condemnation for us in Christ Jesus that will motivate us and keep us going even in the face of this tension.

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We must always keep focused on the gospel because it is in the nature of sanctification that as we grow, we see more and more of our sinfulness. Instead of driving us to discouragement, though, this should drive us to the gospel. It is the gospel believed every day that is the only enduring motivation to pursue progressive sanctification even in those times when we don't seem to see progress. That is why I use the expression "gospel-driven sanctification" and that is why we need to preach the gospel to ourselves every day.

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