

## **The Versatility of the Gospel**

**Roman 1:16**

Versatile: embracing a [variety](#) of subjects, fields, or skills, *also*  
: turning with ease from one thing to another.

David; a shepherd, a warrior, a King, a marksman with sling, bow, and spear.

I know of a young man who can speak four languages fluently, play five instruments, and is a future pro ball player. Versatile.

Nothing is more versatile than the Gospel.

7+ billion on earth. I may not be able to speak to 1% about engineering. 1% about hunting or fishing. 1% about art and crafts. But most all of the 7 billion will hear the message of the Gospel and if they reject it, they will go away bothered by it.

### **What is the Gospel?**

Message of God's grace meeting mankind's sin and grace sending a savior named Jesus, message of Jesus ministering on earth, message of a cruel death, message of a miraculous resurrection, message of his ascension back to the Father, message of his preparation of a place for the redeemed.

There is no message as versatile as the Gospel.

### **The places the Gospel will go**

\* I think of Paul. In SS we are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary trip. It is a trip of 2500 miles. Thus far, we have traveled about 1200 miles in the SS study.

He preached in these provinces: Syria, Cilicia, Galatia, Phrygia, Macedonia, Achaia

He preached in these cities: Antioch, Derbe, Lystra, Iconium + some 14 more for a total of 18 cities.

These people had never heard the name of Jesus, much less knew who he was. They never heard a Gospel radio program, read a

Gospel tract, or owned even a verse of scripture, never seen a Christian broadcast.

\* Over 200 nations in world. Same Gospel covers the world. To Asia, to Antarctica,

It can't get stuck in the mud, bogged down in the snow, blown over by the wind, frozen by the cold, melted by the heat of the desert!!

### **The people the Gospel will reach**

\* Back to Paul second missionary journey.

- Lydia, the seller of purple. Her household.

- Philippian jailer

- Thessalonica Jews, great number Greeks, many chief women

\* Maniac of Gadara. Mary Magdalen.

\* Black or white. I have seen in my ministry 100 black saved for every one white. Dad's great companion in the Gospel was Preacher Ike Jackson, Cherokee Indian.

\* Bond or free. Saved in prison in Zambia

\* Rich or poor. The rich man in hell Luke 16 did not have to be there. Joseph of Armathae

### **The problems it will overcome**

It does not take much to bog me down.

Many thought the journey was too hard. Quit.

Not one of the 4 letters in the word Q U I T appear in the word Gospel.

\* the Gospel is a locksmith. Broke doors at Philippi

\* The gospel is a life raft. At island of Melita 276 men some swam, many floated on a board ripped from the ship by the wind. The Gospel made it to Rome.

\* The gospel is a psychiatrist- Maniac had wild, crazy. Gospel put him in right mind.

\* The Gospel is a medicine- Paul bit by a viper, but the Gospel got to Rome.

The Gospel cannot be stopped by wind, stuck in the mud, bogged down in the snow, destroyed by hail.

The Gospel cannot be defeated by an army, stalled by governments.

The Gospel is versatile. The Gospel is adaptive.