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Graduation

Graduation will be June 8, 2014 at 2 PM at the Kansas Expressway Church of Christ. Thanks to all the supporters of the school, its students, and its faculty. Without you this would not be possible.

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2014 BIM LECTURESHIP
MAY 11-14, 2014
THEME: "BIBLICAL DOCTRINE"

SUNDAY, MAY 11	9:30 AM	"THE BIBLE AND DOCTRINE"CHUCK NORTHROP
	10:30 AM	"THE DOCTRINE OF TRUTH" RAY SULLINS
	5:00 PM	"GOD'S GRACE" MAX PATTERSON
	5:50 PM	"JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH" ETHAN YOUNG
MONDAY, MAY 12	7:00 PM	"CHURCH DISCIPLINE" DUSTIN MCCRICKARD
	7:50 PM	"SUFFERING" TIM KIDWELL
TUESDAY, MAY 13	7:00 PM	"THE WORKS OF THE FLESH"TED SPENCER
	7:50 PM	"THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT"BRENT GREEN
WEDNESDAY, MAY 14	7:00 PM	"ETERNAL PUNISHMENT" KENT EAKINS
	7:50 PM	"THE DOCTRINE OF LOVE"JERRY SULLINS

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The lectureship will be broadcasted live online thanks to the resources provided by the [Online Academy of Biblical Studies](http://www.oabs.org) (OABS).
 Follow the link from the Kansas Expressway Church of Christ (www.kecoc.org) website.

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:2



Interested in the BIM?

We are looking for faithful men of the church of Christ who are interested in enrolling in our next intake in August 2014. If you are interested in training to be a preacher or missionary, check out our website today at www.bim-us.org for more info.

A New Year of Hope for the World

Jerry Sullins

Our belief is that each man we train to be a gospel preacher will give hope to a portion of the world where there is no hope. They will give the precious message of Christ, enabling the willing to become knowledgeable of and obedient to the gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. More than that, each one who is led to obedience will be a force within themselves to lead others to Christ. The end result is that souls will be saved and the world will become a better place in which to live. Indeed, the power is in the gospel for "the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, for everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith" (Romans 1:16-17). So we press on for the sake of those of this world who are lost and dying in sin. We are so thankful for those of you who share our concerns and our dreams for the evangelization of this world. Your support is allowing us to continue the good work of committing the Word of God "to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2).

Why is this a new year of hope? It is mainly because we are graduating two brothers, Dustin McCrickard and Ethan Young. Both have secured preaching positions in Omaha, Arkansas and Boonville, Missouri, respectively. We are very proud of these men. Ethan is my oldest grandson, and you can imagine how great it has been to see him develop his desire and skills to become a gospel preacher. It has been a joy to be associated with Dustin. I know he is going to do a good work wherever he goes. Our love and prayers go with

these men. Also, there is great hope for the future because we already have three men who have made a commitment to coming to BIM in August. The three are men of our own area who are taking advantage of what they can learn at BIM in preparing themselves to be more effective workers in the kingdom. Trey Sullins, my grandson, has made a commitment to come and has raised most of the funds he will need to support himself and his family while at school. He will be marrying this July. Brother Thadd Valeika will also join us for studies. As he is single and is a resident here in the area, his support needs are not as great as one who would come from a distance. He is a faithful Christian and attends the Fordland Church of Christ. Another of our students this fall will be David Blades. David is a faithful member of the Highway 13 Church of Christ in Bolivar, Missouri. David is married and has two children. Right now he is in great need of raising the funds necessary for his studies. If you are interested in helping David, please get in touch with me at 417-619-8197 or email me at jerrysullins@juno.com. We are very excited about our new class this year and still have some other good prospects that may join us in this new class.

If you know of someone who might be a good prospect for the school please get in touch with me soon. We need men who are willing to train to become better servants in the kingdom. We need qualified teachers and preachers in all the churches who are faithful to the cause of Christ. We are tuition-free and are willing to help and assist any student in the raising of support to become a full-time student at BIM.

Continue to pray for the work and know that you are in our prayers always. It is through our efforts together that this old world can have an opportunity to be saved by and through the gospel of Christ! May God richly bless you all!



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When Does the Gospel Have Power?

Chuck Northrop

The apostle Paul wrote in Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." As a person considers the statement that the gospel "is the power of God unto salvation," a person must ask when does the gospel have power? Because the gospel is the word of God, it is always powerful, or better stated, it always has the potential of being powerful. That is, it always has the capability, the ability, and the capacity to be powerful. This implies there are times when it is not powerful, but those times are not because of the gospel but because man has suppressed it in some way. So, when does the gospel have power?

The Gospel Has Power When Men Have the Courage to Proclaim It!

In our text, Paul spoke of the preaching of the gospel. In Romans 1:15, Paul wrote, "So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also." The gospel has no power to the believer if it is not heard by the believer. In Romans 10:14, Paul asked these questions, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?" The answer to the questions is obvious. A person cannot call on Him in whom they have not believed, and a person cannot believe in Him of whom they have not heard. Thus, it would be impossible to come to faith if the gospel was not heard for Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." A gospel that is suppressed because no one will proclaim it is a gospel that has lost its power. A stick of dynamite has no power if the fuse is not lit. Paul recognized that a part of the power of the gospel was in the proclamation of the gospel, and, thus, he declared that he "was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ."

When preachers will not preach the oracles of God, the whole council of God, the word of God, they suppress the life giving flow and the power of the gospel. A watered-down, weak gospel can only produce watered-down, weak Christians.

Preachers who preach more "I think's" and "fables" then "thus saith the Lord" should be ashamed and repent. And, Christians who tolerate such preaching should also be ashamed and repent. Has the gospel lost its power? NO! Therefore, we need preachers who will "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Timothy 4:2) for the power of the gospel can only yield fruit if it is proclaimed. "The sword of the Spirit" must come out of its sheath!

The Gospel Has Power When Men Have the Courage to Obey It!

Remember, Paul wrote the gospel "is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." The person who is too timid or too cowardly to believe and obey the gospel has not been moved by the power of the gospel. They are not like those on Pentecost who when they heard the preaching of the gospel, "they were pricked in their heart and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?" (Act 2:37). As a result, "they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:41).

Remember also, that "it is the power of God unto salvation." There are those who have been moved by the power of gospel but not to the desired intent. In Acts 5:33, Luke recorded the Sanhedrin were "cut to the heart" by Peter and John's preaching, but they "took counsel to slay them." Also in Acts 7:54, Luke recorded because of the preaching of Stephen, the Jerusalem council was again "cut to the heart," but "they gnashed on him with their teeth," and "they stoned Stephen" (Acts 7:59). Nevertheless, there were some priests who were moved by the power of the gospel to the desired intent. Luke wrote, "A great company of the priests were obedient to the faith" (Acts 6:7).

The gospel is the most powerful tool known to man for it has the ability to change a person's life, and it alone offers eternal salvation for it will be the standard on the judgment day (John 12:48).

"I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ"

Romans 1:16