

THE SENDING

JOHN 20:21

THE TESTIMONY OF PAUL

Introduction:

- Everybody wants the world to change. But the kind of change our world needs won't come from the White House, the courthouse or even the schoolhouse. The kind of change we need will only come from the Church house because it is only the Gospel that truly changes lives.

- But does the Gospel really have the power to change lives? Paul thought so. He said:

For I am not ashamed of the Gospel,

*for it is the **power of God for salvation***

to everyone who believes... (Romans 1:16, emphasis added).

- This morning, we are going to look at the testimony of a man whose life was dramatically changed by power of the Gospel. If we want change in our world, we must realize that change must begin with us by allowing the Gospel to change our lives.

Only the Gospel Can _____ **(Acts 22:1-5)**

Four Ways the Gospel Speaks to Our Past:

(Unlocking the Bible: How the Gospel Redeems Our Past by Colin Smith)

1. When we are tempted to feel shame or embarrassment over our past, we must remind ourselves that Christ came to _____.

2. The Gospel reminds us that every good choice we make is by the _____ driving us to the cross in gratitude for what the Lord has spared us from.

3. Christ's saving power (the Gospel) is strong enough to cover any filth, shame, scar, pain, or weakness we _____.

4. The Gospel assures us of an eternity not only _____ but from the _____.