

*Rom 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*

The Gospel is a power. It is not a word of man. It is not a philosophy. It is not an offer. But it is a power. It is sure to have its effect. What is a power?

1. It is the Gospel of Christ.
2. Secondly, a power unto salvation.
3. Thirdly, it is the Gospel of God.

It is a message from God to His people as they are in the darkness of this world. For this reason the Gospel can never be an offer. An offer is powerless. I offer you something, but you shut your hand and refuse to receive what I offer. The power is gone. An offer has no power.

If this Gospel is delivered into your heart, what do you do! You take hold of it. You believe. I do not say you must believe. I do not persuade you to believe. When the almighty power of the Gospel comes into contact with your soul, what do you do? You believe! You surely believe. You absolutely believe. You cannot help but believe. God works this faith in your soul through the Gospel."

*Herman Hoeksema 1886–1965*