

It is significant to note in the Biblical account of the crippled man being healed at Lystra that even as hearing the Gospel of grace produced a wonderful miracle of healing, it also produced outright opposition to it. The Jews there, who held on to the old covenant of law, came to see what all the commotion was about, won the crowd over to their side, and began to stone Paul and left him for dead. (Acts 14:19)

The Gospel the apostle Paul preached is not a Man-pleasing Gospel, and was strongly opposed by legalists everywhere he went. Yet, Paul preached the truth of the Gospel even if it meant being stoned by his opponents and being expelled from cities. Why? Because the Gospel is *the power of God* to salvation! The more you hear about Jesus, His beauty, His forgiveness, and His finished work, the more you will stop being preoccupied with yourself, your lack, your faults, and your weaknesses. You will become fully occupied with Jesus, His glory, His perfection, and His grace, and freedom, healing, and wholeness are the result!

Titus 3:4-7 "But when the kindness and the love of God our Saviour toward Man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."