

# A SIMPLE Gospel

A photograph showing the lower half of a person wearing white, loose-fitting robes. The person is walking barefoot on a dark, reflective surface that shows ripples and reflections. To the left, a wooden staff or pole is visible. The background is a cloudy sky.

21 NEW TESTAMENT LETTERS - ONE SIMPLE MESSAGE

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*A*  
**SIMPLE**  
*Gospel*

*My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.*

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*The Lord gives the word, and a great army brings the good news. – Ps 68:11*

WHAT we have become in God is a *sum total* of the divine encounters we have had, the people we have met, our experiences, and the books we have read.

The saying “*No man is an island*” is undoubtedly true in the context of authoring this book. I want to give a heartfelt “God bless you” to Pastors Joel and Georgia Pappas for inspiring me to make and publish this book. The glorious anointing you allowed to be ushered in, at Oasis Christian Ministries, was precisely what I needed during my ‘wilderness’ season.

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May the Lord give you a tremendous harvest through every person transformed by your ministry.

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# INTRODUCTION

## *How to read this Book*

*Written to all believers throughout the world.*

**A**UGUST of 2016, I got the idea to summarize the Pauline letters into a *simple* outline, so that I could remember the themes and essential scriptures. I knew the Holy Spirit was leading me on this assignment because once I started, I couldn't stop, and continued summarizing the rest of the letters written by Peter, James, John, and Jude.

When I finished *handwriting it all*, I had a greater understanding of this 'Good News' Paul so eagerly wanted to share. It truly is 'A *Simple Gospel*.'

*My yoke is easy, and My burden is light. – Matt. 11:30*

Paul's letter to the Jewish believers in Rome is the key foundation of *this* simple gospel, saying,

*The righteous will live by [their] faith [in God]. – Hab. 2:4*

This book, *A Simple Gospel*, is comprised of twenty-one New Testament letters, summarized by five disciples, and divided into four

main sections: *The Righteousness of God, The Promise of God, A New Creation, and A Unified Body.*

Each section gives a short introduction to the topic, followed by concentrated interpretations of composed letters to strengthen the point.

I pray this book will help you see the ‘Good News’ from a unique perspective and encourage you to spread this *simple gospel*, as Jesus commissioned.

This book is not to replace, add, or take away from the inspired written Word and should only be viewed as a tool to help you see the grand picture more easily.

–Shalom

*Dr. Amy*



## SECTION ONE

### *The Righteousness of God*

SOMEHOW, throughout the ages, the *act of salvation* has been reduced to saying a prayer and joining a church. This approach makes it difficult for most Christians to honor what Christ has done because they are not taught the *whole* truth of God's Righteousness.

The message *against* sin is useful and necessary, but the 'inspired' message to declare is that *we are the righteousness of God in Christ!*

Humanity has tried to eliminate sin-consciousness on its own. Self-attempts require one to dismiss God or Satan from existence because the sense of condemnation gives an inferiority complex. The truth is, sin-consciousness robs us of faith in ourselves, in others, and in God and His Word.

Inferiority complexes cause many to *reason*, thereby creating various forms of religion with humanistic disciplines. On the contrary, Father's righteousness reveals that He alone has given humanity the *ability to stand in His presence without any sense of guilt, shame, fear, or inferiority*.

Righteousness is what Adam and Eve had with Father before the fall, and it's what every believer *has* through Christ Jesus.

*For in Him, and through faith in Him, we can approach God with freedom and confidence. – Eph. 3:12*

You may have heard believers say, “Yes, I am born again, but I still have a *sinful nature*.” While this is contrary to what scriptures tell us, sadly, a large percentage of churchgoers believe this statement.

*Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things have become new.  
– 2 Cor. 5:17*

Either we’re a new creation, or we’re not. The blood either removes our sin, or it does not. The truth is God’s provision to make us a ‘new creation’ and lift ‘sin consciousness’ is to take out our *old nature* and replace it with His *divine nature*! Father’s righteousness made a way for us to become partakers of His divine nature, making us righteous ‘by nature’ and ‘by faith.’

Since faith is defined as *being fully persuaded*, the greatest enemy of our faith is a sense of *unworthiness*. Our initial ‘seed of faith’ begins with the revelation that righteousness is restored to us. We now enter into *fellowship* to experience the fullness of the triune Godhead.

Father’s righteousness allows us to stand in His presence, just as if sin *never* existed – that’s amazing! Righteousness cannot be earned or deserved. It’s a *gift* imputed to us, not by human effort, but by what Jesus fulfilled on the cross. That means, the only requirement needed to obtain Father’s righteousness – is to receive it. Simply accept, believe, and confess that Jesus came from Heaven and took the penalty for your sin.

*He was reckoned or counted as a sinner so that believers would be reckoned or be counted as the righteousness of God. – 2 Cor. 5:21*

As a new creation, we are now entirely complete, perfectly cared for, and utterly loved!

The New Testament letters summarized in this section supports a *simple gospel of **The Righteousness of God.***

## *The Book of Romans*

Written by Paul to the Jewish believers of the church in Rome – Chapters 1 through 4 summarized.

**T**HE Good News is about Jesus! He is our Lord and savior.

*I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes. – Rom. 1:16*

The prophets foretold of the *mysterious* work Jesus did on the cross. For centuries, they spoke of Christ's *earthly* life, born through the lineage of King David. They spoke of His death and the miraculous work of the Holy Spirit, who raised Him from the dead. Beloved, it's this same Jesus who makes us right in the sight of our glorious Father. Now, He calls us His 'holy people.'

While this Good News about God's *power of salvation* is simply acquired by faith, it wasn't always that way. Since the world began, Father revealed His power and glory to humanity shown through His 'invisible' attributes, the *natural* wonders of creation. However, humanity traded the truth about Father to believe the *same* lie given in the garden.

*They knew God, but they wouldn't worship Him as God or even give Him thanks. – Rom. 1:21*

Yes, they knew the justice of Father, *as judge*, and the penalty for their sin, yet they continued 'inventing' new ways of sinning. Grieved by this wickedness, Father abandoned them and left them to their foolish thinking.

*A day of anger is coming when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. Through Christ Jesus, He will judge everyone's secret life*  
– Rom. 2:5,16

Beloved, it's not our place to condemn people who are practicing detestable sins. Why? Because we, too, were once as guilty as they are. Now, if those same people who practice detestable sins, turn, and obey, wouldn't they also be declared as God's people? Since Father's commandments are now written on the hearts of mankind, their conscience and thoughts will either accuse them or justify them.

Do you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient Father has been toward us? His kindness is to turn us away from sin. Yes, there will be people who think it's 'lawful' to sin because they misconstrue His grace and are not living by the Spirit. But don't be deceived; there's an 'appointed time' when Father will judge both the living and the dead, giving eternal life to those who honor Him and seek after His glory and eternal damnation to those who refuse to obey the laws 'written in their heart.'

Therefore beloved, know this, true salvation is a *change of heart* produced by the Spirit. Salvation is a glorious gift of righteousness given by Father, and even though foolish thinking causes humanity to be unfaithful to His commandments, He will *always* remain faithful and true.

The pardon, in this gift of righteousness, includes Jesus taking the 'penalty' for our sin whereby the Father declares us justified and acceptable to stand before Him. In other words, Jesus became what we *are* so that we can become what He *is*. This great act of 'propitiation' shows Father's goodness, mercy, and love that saves us in our helplessness.

*What joy it is for those whose record is clear of sin.* – Rom. 4:7

Jesus brought us into a place of *exclusive rights*, to stand confidently, with pleasure, looking ahead to share in Father's glory. This confidence also brings peace, even in adversity, because patience, endurance, and hope are developed.

## *The Book of Ephesians*

Written by Paul to the believers at the church in Ephesus – Chapters 1 through 3 summarized.

**I**T was Father's greatest desire to choose us before the foundations of the world, and Jesus' pleasure to bless us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms!

Father's grace and kindness are so abundant that He gave His own Son as a ransom to free us and forgive us of our sins. He showed compassion, with wisdom and understanding, revealing the hidden 'mysterious plan' regarding Jesus and our unity with Him that results in an inheritance, to Jews first then to the Gentiles. We are now identified by the Holy Spirit, who guarantees our promise of inheritance and brings all praise and glory to Father.

Beloved, keep praying for spiritual wisdom to understand the 'hope' given to us through Father's calling. Learn to understand the greatness of His power that dwells within, because it's the *same* power that raised Christ Jesus from the dead.

Jesus is now far above any ruler, authority, or power. He is head over all things.

*And the church is His body; it's made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself. – Eph. 1:23*

We were once *spiritually* dead, easily controlled by the schemes of Satan, the ‘Antichrist spirit’ at work in this world. We were subject to Father’s judgment. Yet, our Father, who is rich in mercy and loves us so much, even though we were deserving of punishment, gave us life through the work of Jesus’ resurrection. He raised us from the *spiritually* dead and seated us in the heavenly realms with Christ Jesus.

We are examples, even to future generations, of the incredible wealth of Father’s grace and kindness, shown in all that He has done for us. Yes, we are saved by grace.

*We are His masterpiece, a ‘new creation’ created to do good things that He had planned for us before time began. – Eph. 2:10*

We, at one time, were abandoned and without hope, far away from Father, but now, He has brought us near Him by the blood of Jesus. Jesus broke the walls of hostility that separated us from Father; then, He brought a *peace* that united both Jew and Gentile to become one *new man*. The Good News is all about PEACE. All humanity can now come to Father, through the Holy Spirit, because of what Jesus did. When we receive the gift of salvation, we become members of God’s family, jointly fitted together to be His holy temple. The *mysterious* plan of salvation had not been revealed to previous ages, but now, it’s *unveiled* to us by the Spirit. This marvelous plan is about both Jew and Gentile equally sharing in the ‘promised’ inheritance given to Abraham. We *all* are of the same body, and together we enjoy all the blessings.

Father planned for the church to ‘display’ His multi-dimensional *wisdom* to all the ‘unseen’ rulers and authorities. One dimension of His wisdom is the revelation that we can confidently enter into His presence to receive His glorious, unlimited resources. He empowers us with inner strength by the Holy Spirit, helping us to grow deep in His love. Father not only desires that we know how wide, long, high, and deep His love

is towards us, but that we also *experience* it.

*May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. – Eph. 3:19*

No matter what we go through in life, Father is able, through His mighty power in us, to accomplish infinitely more than we can ever ask or think.



## ABOUT THE AUTHOR

**B**ORN and raised in the Sierra foothills of California, author and speaker Dr. Amy LaVon McMillan began her passion for studying God's word at the age of seven. Throughout the years, Father has richly blessed her with mentors, leading and challenging her to be a diligent student of His word.

Along with her commitments, as a wife, mother, and grandmother, Dr. Amy ministers biblical truths with fresh, exciting energy. Her messages testify to God's incredible love and how He miraculously revives, restores, and rebuilds our lives to live in *unspeakable* joy and victory that was planned from the beginning of time.

In the fall of 2016, Dr. Amy wrote her first book, which became a devotional series called *A Heavenly Moment*. The book was a kickoff from video broadcasts posted daily on a local Christian radio station's Facebook page; the videos ran for six months. A few months later, inspired by the Holy Spirit, these messages were modified to a book format that can be enjoyed time and time again. But it didn't end there. To her surprise, the Holy Spirit inspired Dr. Amy to write volumes two and three. When she thought she was done, *again*, more books came forth.

No matter the type of platform, book, teaching, or video broadcasting, Dr. Amy's desire is to draw you nearer to the Father's heart to receive more than you can possibly imagine.

To access more of Dr. Amy's books and teachings, please visit her web page.

*Thanks for reading!*

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***The teaching of your word gives light,  
so even the **simple** can understand.***

-- Ps 119:130

Whether you are 'babe in Christ' or a 'seasoned leader' in the church, these easy to read summarized letters of the New Testament will help you see the full gospel in its simplest form.

Paul's letter to the Jewish believers in Rome is the fundamental foundation of this 'simple gospel.'

*For the righteous will live by [their] faith [in God]. - Rom 1:17*

Comprised of twenty-one letters, written by five of Jesus' disciples, this book is divided into four sections as presented in the letter to the church in Rome: *The Righteousness of God, The Promise of God, A New Creation, and A Unified Body*.



DR. AMY McMILLAN, founder of Spirit Unlimited, Int'l is an author and speaker, who brings forth the Good News with fresh, exciting energy,

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