The Gospel: The Living Word

The gospel is alive. How can a collection of words given 2,000 years ago be alive? The gospel is alive because the Creator of the universe is alive. God has, and will, stand behind his Word. As God stands behind his Word, he then encourages us to not just stand there, but to "Jump in!"

Who would have known that, as the Roman Empire exercised its authority over Jesus Christ, they were actually accomplishing for God what he had planned before the creation of the world? Rome fell, but God's kingdom will go on forever. God will say to anyone today, "Don't just stand there. Jump in!"

The Roman Empire exercised its authority over the Apostle Paul. While Paul was in a Roman prison, he wrote a letter to the believers in the city of Colossae. Paul had not yet had a chance to visit that city and yet there were believers there. There were two reasons why there were believers in Colossae. First, there was a man by the name of Epaphras who helped get God's Word out to the people. The other reason is that God's Word, the Gospel, is "the word of truth" (Colossians 1:5). God will stand behind his Word. Then God calls out to the world through people just like Epaphras, "Don't just stand there. Jump in!"

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Colossians 1:1-8

1-2 A LIVING GREETING

3 A LIVING PRAYER

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7-8 A LIVING WITNESS

• Our witness is alive

• Our love is alive

• Our God is alive