

### **So Big! © 2012 Shelli Prindle**

- Evangelist ← → Gospel “Good news of the Kingdom of God.”
- **Mark 8:35** (NIV) “For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.”
  - The Gospel is not a little something that gets dipped into us for various advantages; it is us getting immersed in the grand plan of God’s right-working for the universe.
- **Romans 1:16** (NIV) “I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.”
  - The Gospel is the power of God.
    - God created everything out of nothing!
      - **Psalm 33:6,9** (NIV) “6) By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth. 9) For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.”
    - Jesus will overthrow Satan with His breath! He sustains! (Isaiah 40 & Colossians 1)
      - **II Thessalonians 2:8** (NIV) “And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of his mouth and destroy by the splendor of his coming.”
    - God can make dead people live!
      - **Romans 6:23** (NIV) “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
      - God is not mean; He is the Definer of Reality. Our meaning flows from Him. When we turn from Him, we turn away from true life and to death.
      - Automobile Function Example
        - Real power is God giving us life back!
      - Only God can make dead people live.
        - Everyone can be saved! Even one inclination of sin kills us.
- **Romans 1:17** (NIV) “For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith.’”
  - The Gospel reveals a righteousness from God. The righteousness comes by faith. Righteousness then defines us!
    - Righteousness = “is as it ought to be.”
    - We want this for our bodies and the earth. (Romans 8:21-25)
      - Ultimate adoption is redemption of my body.
    - God is guiding His universe to this end. (II Peter 3:10-13)
    - John saw the vision too. (Revelation 21)
    - How do we fit into this plan?
    - **I Peter 2:24** (NIV) “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.”
      - II Corinthians 5:17 and Revelation 21 (“new” is the same Greek word.)
    - **I Corinthians 15:28** (NIV) “When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.”