

CD INTRODUCTION

The curriculum series *The Words of the Gospel* is primarily based on Pastor Mark Minnick's preaching through the book of Romans at Mount Calvary Baptist Church from 1992-96. In an effort to rehearse the preaching that we hear and continue having the Lord work it more deeply into our souls, from time to time we "resurrect" series or portions of series that Pastor Minnick has preached and format them for use in our adult Sunday school ministries.

Our Sunday school cycle does not fit the typical quarter system. We tend to give at least four months, and sometimes longer, to a topic. The written lessons are often too long to be covered entirely in a single class hour, and a single lesson may sometimes take as many as three weeks to cover. On the other hand, our teachers are welcome to condense the lessons and customize them to their own style of teaching.

Our goal in providing the materials to our teachers is three-fold:

- To support and reinforce the pulpit ministry
- To provide helpful teaching material to our teachers in an accessible format.
- To ease the load of lesson preparation for our teachers

We are delighted that you have chosen to use this material, and we trust the Lord will use it in your own life and in the life of your people in the same way He has used it in our church family. We trust, that on this most important topic of the Gospel, God will firm up your people to affirm it with fresh vigor and appreciation.