

The Truth About the Gospel.

Text: **Romans 1:16 – 17** “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (17.) For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.”

If you were to look-up the word “Gospel” you would find this definition, (a good message), it also means (the announcement of good news) especially to the gospel of Jesus Christ. It also means to declare of bring glad tidings. With this definition the title gospel can be linked to many things, however God called the biblical gospel His gospel “The Gospel of Jesus Christ.” As the first New Testament scriptures were being written Mark said in, **Mark 1:1** “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;” The Gospel or good news, or good announcement, or what brings sinner “glad tidings” is Jesus Christ. The gospel does not include with Jesus Christ, it does not start with Jesus Christ, it is all about Jesus Christ our Saviour. This is because God sent His own Son in the form of sinful flesh to die for sinners, this is good news to us-ward. God said in **Ephesians 1:17 - 20** "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places," The Gospel is a revelation it is not fleshly seen, God’s word is not seen by lost people, it is not even seen by some Christians, The gospel as the scriptures in totality is a revelation from the Holy Spirit. **1 Corinthians 2:10 - 12** "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God."

I. What is the gospel? It is called the Gospel of Jesus Christ because it is about Christ.

A. The Gospel is no more clearly stated than by The Apostle Paul to the church at Corinth.

1 Corinthians 15:1 - 4 "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; (2) By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. (3) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also

received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; (4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:"

B. This gospel was describe by the Prophet Isaiah in **53:10 - 12** "Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. (11) He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. (12) Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

C. While God gave His Son, God also raised His Son from that grave. **Matthew 12:40** "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

D. This is the gospel, nothing added to it and nothing taken from it.

E. Paul warned everyone in **Galatians 1:6 - 10** "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: (7) Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. (8) But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. (9) As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. (10) For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ." – Now, I do not believe that Paul meant that any angel in heaven would ever attempt to change the gospel, Paul was stating that the highest authority have no power to change the gospel, not Apostles not even angels.

II. The Gospel is God's elective tool to save lost sinners. **Romans 1:16** "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

A. This is the importance of the Gospel, if it is changed it is no longer God's tool of salvation.

B. Salvation is only in Christ Jesus, not in works, church affiliation, not in works, not in in other but God's own Son Jesus Christ.

- C. I have heard many lies from, God did not give us the full gospel in 1 Cor. 15, to the gospel is scattered throughout the bible, to every other lie, the truth is God's gospel, and not one person can change it.
- D. **2 Corinthians 10:3 - 5** "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (4) (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) (5) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;"
- E. There are human elements in salvation, the gospel is in Christ's sacrifice, the calling is of God's power, and the power of salvation is in the Holy Spirit. **2 Corinthians 6:6 - 7** "By pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, (7) By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,"

III. Conclusion

Salvation is not an option, it is not a choice, it is but you choosing to turn your own heart, salvation is in Christ thou the workings and powers of God, anything else is false teaching. Therefore, God said, **John 20:31** "But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name."