

Have You Heard The Most Important News In The World? The Gospel Of Jesus Christ!

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation."

-- Mark 16:15

Jesus wants everyone to hear the gospel! Are you sure what you've heard is the pure and simple gospel of Jesus Christ, not a perverted gospel based on teachings of men rather than the Word of God?

In this brochure you will be presented with the gospel Jesus wanted you to hear, the most important news in the history of mankind! But first, let's go over a few...

PRELIMINARY CONSIDERATIONS

Gospel Means Good News - The Greek word is euaggelion. In the NT, it is spoken only of the glad tidings of Christ and His salvation, the gospel (cf. **Lk 2:10**) - Complete WordStudy Dictionary.

The Gospel Is God's Power To Save - The apostle Paul wrote that the gospel "*is the power*

of God for salvation to everyone who believes." (**Ro 1:16**) It tells how to be saved from our sins and the wrath of God to come.

Beware Of False Gospels - Even in the first century A.D., there were different gospels that distorted the gospel of Christ (**Ga 1:6-9**). Are you sure that you have heard the true gospel of Christ?

The Gospel Must Be Obeyed - Peter raises the question, "*what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?*" (**1Pe 4:17**) Paul answers that there will be terrible consequences for "*those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.*" (**2Th 1:7-9**) Are you sure you have obeyed the gospel of Christ?

With these preliminary considerations in mind, let's now examine the gospel, noting first that...

THERE ARE FACTS TO BELIEVE!

Jesus Died For Our Sins - Paul wrote that according to the Scriptures Jesus died for our sins (**1Co 15:1-3**). He likely referred to **Isa 53:4-6**, written 700 years before Jesus' death.

Jesus Was Buried And Raised - His burial and resurrection from the dead were foretold by Scripture and attested to by many eyewitnesses (**1Co 15:4-8**). If Jesus was not raised from the dead, they were false witnesses and our faith is in vain (**1Co 15:14-15**).

Jesus Is Lord And Savior - He has been exalted to sit at the right hand of God, and rules as both Lord and Christ (**Ac 2:33-36**). He now has all authority in heaven and on earth (**Mt 28:18; Ep 1:20-22; 1Pe 3:22**).

Jesus Is Coming Again - He is returning as promised, to judge the world in righteousness (**Ac 1:9-11; 17:30-31**). Are you ready for that great day? Well, in the gospel of Christ...

THERE ARE COMMANDS TO OBEY!

Salvation is by the grace and mercy of God (**Ep 2:8-9; Ti 3:4-7**). One obeys the gospel not to earn salvation but to receive it. And so...

We Must Believe The Gospel - Otherwise, we will be lost (**Mk 16:15-16; Ro 1:16**). We must believe (trust) in Jesus who died for our sins (**Jn 1:29; 3:16,36; 8:24**). Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God?

We Must Confess Our Faith - Confessing that Jesus is Lord is necessary for our salvation (**Ro 10:9-10; Mt 10:32-33**). It is called the good confession (e.g., **Ac 8:37; 1Ti 6:12**). Have you confessed your faith in Christ?

We Must Repent Of Our Sins - This means to make the decision to turn from our sins. Jesus wanted repentance proclaimed in His name to all nations (**Lk 24:46-47**). His apostles did this faithfully (**Ac 2:38; 3:19; 17:30**). Have you repented of your sins?

We Must Be Baptized For Remission Of Sins - Jesus made baptism an integral part of His gospel (**Mt 28:19-20; Mk 16:15-16**). His preachers faithfully proclaimed the need to be baptized (**Ac 2:38; 22:16**). His apostles wrote of the significance of baptism (**Ro 6:3-7; Ga 3:27; Co 2:12-13; Ti 3:4-7; 1Pe 3:21**).

Baptism is an immersion (the Greek word is baptizo which means "to immerse") in water (**Ac 8:36; 10:47-48**). It is intended for penitent

believers (**Ac 2:38; 8:36-37**), who seek to have their sins washed away by the blood of Jesus (**Ac 22:16; Ep 1:7; 1Pe 3:21**).

Many have distorted the gospel by removing the command to be baptized. Have you been scripturally baptized for the remission of your sins?

We Must Remain Faithful - Obeying the gospel of Christ is just the beginning. There are many things Jesus wants us to know and do (**Mt 28:19-20**). We must remain faithful if we want to receive the crown of life (**Re 2:10**). Are you willing to be faithful to Jesus?

To encourage everyone to obey the gospel...

THERE ARE PROMISES TO RECEIVE!

The Forgiveness Of Sins - By the blood of Jesus, our sins are washed away (**Ac 2:38; 3:19; 22:16; Ep 1:7**).

The Gift Of Eternal Life - The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (**Ro 6:23; 1Jn 5:11-13**).

The Gift Of The Holy Spirit - Promised by Jesus and His apostles (**Jn 7:37-39; Ac 2:38-39**), children of God enjoy the blessings of the Spirit at work in their lives (**Ga 4:6; 5:22-23**).

The Family Of God - We are blessed to have many brothers and sisters (**Mk 10:28-30**) in the church, which is the family of God (**1Ti 3:15**). They encourage us to be faithful (**He 3:12-14**).

There are more blessings too numerous to list, for both this life and hereafter. Don't you want to receive the promises of the gospel?

How can you be sure that this is the pure and simple gospel of Christ? In the book of Acts in the Bible, you can find detailed...

EXAMPLES OF CONVERSION

If you have any doubt, study carefully the conversion stories of:

- The 3000 At Pentecost (**Ac 2:36-42**)
- The Samaritans (**Ac 8:5-13**)
- The Ethiopian Eunuch (**Ac 8:36-41**)
- Saul, or Paul (**Ac 9:1-9; 22:6-16; 26:12-19**)
- Cornelius (**Ac 10:25-48**)
- Lydia (**Ac 16:13-25**)
- The Philippian Jailor (**Ac 16:30-34**)
- The Corinthians (**Ac 18:8**)
- The Men At Ephesus (**Ac 19:1-7**)

In each of these examples, those who heard the gospel of Christ culminated their faith-response by being baptized!

HOW ABOUT YOU?

You have heard the gospel and what you must do in order to be saved. **The responsibility of your salvation now rests with you.** If you desire to study these things further, or to be baptized into Christ today, let us know!

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