

"PREACH THE GOSPEL"

- 1. When Jesus sent the apostles out into the world He instructed them to preach the gospel – <u>Mark 16:15</u>.
- 2. We believe many Christians today want to preach the gospel but are not prepared to preach.
- 3. To preach the gospel one must understand what the gospel is and value its unique nature.

I. WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

- A. The Greek word euaggelion (yoo-angghel-ee-on) is translated "gospel" or "good news"
 - 1. It is used 76 times in the New Testament

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- 2. Thayer defines the word as:
- a. "the glad tidings of the kingdom of God soon to be set up, and subsequently also of Jesus the Messiah, the founder of this kingdom. After the death of Christ, the term comprises also the preaching of (concerning) Jesus Christ as having suffered death on the cross to procure eternal salvation for the men in the kingdom of God, but as restored to life and exalted to the right hand of God in heaven, thence to return in majesty to consummate the kingdom of God"

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- 2. Thayer defines the word as:
- b. "as the messianic rank of Jesus was proved by His words, His deeds, and His death, the narrative of the sayings, deeds, and death of Jesus Christ came to be called the gospel or glad tidings"

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- B. The Gospel is the word of God.
 - 1. In the parable of the sower and the seed, Jesus indentified the seed as the word of God – <u>Luke 8:11-15</u>
 - 2. Paul proclaimed the gospel is from God, not man – <u>Galatians 1:11-12</u>
 - 3. The Thessalonians recognized the gospel as such – <u>1 Thessalonians 2:13</u>
 - 4. Peter did not follow devised tales –
 <u>2 Peter 1:16-18</u>

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- C. The Gospel is the good news of Jesus the Christ - 1 Corinthians 15:1-5.
 - 1. Who He is:
 - a) The Son of Man, Matthew 26:45 • - Fully human, Philippians 2:7-9; Hebrews 2:14-18
 - b) The Son of God, Matthew 16:15-16
 - Fully divine, John 1:1; 8:57-58; Philippians 2:5-6; Colossians 1:15; Hebrews 1:1-3

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 - 2. What He has done:
 - a) Died for our sins, <u>1 Corinthians 15:3</u>; 1 Peter 3:18; Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 12:2-3
 - b) Rose from the dead, 1 Corinthians 15:4; Acts 2:24; 26:23

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• 3. What He will do:

a) Return to judge the world, Acts 17:30-31; 2 Corinthians 5:10

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- D. The Gospel includes all of Christ's teachings, Matthew 28:19-20.
 - 1. The kingdom, Mark 1:14-15.
 - 2. Repentance, Mark 1:14-15.
 - 3. Baptism, <u>Matthew 28:19</u>; <u>Mark 16:15-16</u>
 4. Grace, <u>Acts 20:24</u>.

 - 5. Faith, Philippians 1:27.
 - 6. Obedience, <u>2 Thessalonians</u> 1:8.
 - 7. Hope, Colossians 1:5.

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- 7. Some say the gospel of Christ is only His death, burial and resurrection - while doctrine is secondary, non-essential and varied
 - a) Paul was ready to preach the gospel to Roman Christians (Romans 1:15).
 - b) Doctrine was delivered to the lost to save them when obeyed from the heart (Romans **6:17-18**).

II. WHAT THE GOSPEL WILL DO

- A. The Gospel will convince Acts 2:40; 26:22-<u>29</u>
 - 1. Paul presented evidence from the OT about the Christ and identified Him as Jesus, Acts
 - Some were persuaded, Acts 17:4.
 - 2. The gospel was supported by miraculous Evidence, cf. Acts 4:16-20; 14:3 (Mark. 16:20; Hebrews 2:2-4).
 - NT miracles are God's testimony that the gospel is genuine - 1 Thessalonians 1:5



II. WHAT THE GOSPEL WILL DO

- 2. The Gospel answers the question, "What must I do to be saved?"
- a) Hear the word, Romans 10:17
- b) Believe Jesus is the Son of God, John 8:24
- c) Repent of your sins, Luke 13:3,5
- d) Confess Christ as Lord, <u>Romans 10:9</u>; <u>Acts</u> <u>8:36-37</u>
- e) Be immersed in water (baptism), <u>Acts 2:38;</u>
 <u>1 Peter 3:21</u>
- f) Remain faithful, Matthew 24:12-13;
- Revelation 2:10



III. WE MUST PREACH THE GOSPEL

- A. Man has invented counterfeit gospels.
 - 1. <u>Social gospel</u>: Where appeals are made to the physical interests/desires of men rather than his spiritual needs.
 - 2. <u>Denominational gospels</u>: Papacy, faith only, once saved always saved, etc.
 - 3. <u>Latter-day gospels</u>: Mormon's, JW's, Adventists, etc.

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- B. Preaching a different gospel brings condemnation, <u>Galatians 1:8-9</u>
- C. We must preach the gospel at all times, <u>2</u> <u>Timothy 4:2</u>
 - The apostle Paul expressed grief if he didn't preach the word, <u>1 Corinthians 9:16</u>

CONCLUSION

- 1. The gospel has been entrusted to Christians.
- 2. We must be <u>ready and willing</u> to preach the gospel, and only the gospel to all in the world.
- 3. Without the gospel, man cannot be saved. (Romans 10:14; Acts 4:12)