

YOU NEED TO KNOW
BECOMING A DISCIPLE THROUGH THE DOCTRINES OF GOD
KNOWING WHAT YOU BELIEVE AND WHY YOU BELIEVE IT

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

ALL ABOUT THE GOSPEL TRUTH – PART 3

Knowing what you believe and why you believe it.

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Introduction to **the Doctrine of The Gospel Truth**

Ephesians 2:7-9

That in the ages to come **He (God)** might show the exceeding riches of **His grace** in **His kindness** toward us **in Christ Jesus**. 8 For by **grace** you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is **the gift** of God, 9 **not of works**, lest anyone should boast.

For us who have read the Bible and examined its record, its claims and its message - - I think you would agree, that it is **Impossible** to take one verse or one teaching or one revelation from God and say **“this one is the most important”** - - but this singular statement is true, the Bible's theme-message is **“Salvation”** and it is a salvation that is **revealed in the scriptures** and the scriptures single out one **“Salvation”** and **Only One Individual** to bring about that salvation – that person is **Jesus Christ!**

“For this reason I came into the world” - Jesus

Fact:

From **genesis** to **revelation**, the bible is all about **the Gospel** of God and It is so **preeminent** - that men like **Paul** the Apostle **said...**

1 Corinthians 2:1-2

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come **with excellence of speech** or **of wisdom** declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 **For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.**

Galatians 3:8

And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, **preached the gospel to Abraham** beforehand, (prior) saying, “In you all the nations shall be blessed.”

YOU NEED TO KNOW
ALL ABOUT THE GOSPEL TRUTH

1.) What is the Gospel?

1a.) The Gospel is God's message to man

1b.) The Gospel is God's Good News for man

1c.) The Gospel is God's connection by (M)an

2.) Why is the Gospel so important?

2a.) Its origin is in God

2b.) Its power is through Christ

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Grace

charis, khar'-ece; it's His divine influence, His unmerited favor. be accepted, be benefited, be favored, be gifted, be graced.

My Mormon friends struggle with this "Grace" of God
and mock us, calling us - - "Gracers."

I Understand Their Concern, but Mormon Doctrine Teaches

"We are saved by grace, through the Atonement of Jesus Christ, {after all that we can do}."

Jesus said – "you must be born again"

"The gospel of God's grace" declares that God became a man through the virgin birth, that He, being sinless GOD and total Man died for our sins, satisfying His own justice by paying our debt to God. He was resurrected the third day, and all who trust in Him are forgiven of their sins and are gifted with eternal life. Salvation is that simple and wonderful. Repentance from sin and acceptance of Christ, It is that simple and it must be preached that simply. – J.C. Ryle

Philippians 2:10-11

That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Acts 4:12

Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

There is no Power in the Gospel without the Cross. There is no biblical preaching without His grace and there is certainly no Salvation without Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 1:18

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

Romans 1:15-16a

So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome. 16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.

WHY IS THE GOSPEL SO IMPORTANT?

2c.) **It's** application **is** by **the** Spirit

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh **but made alive by the Spirit,**

John 6:44

No one can come to Me unless the **Father** who sent Me draws him;
and I will raise him up at the last day.

Galatians 4:6

And because you are sons, **God** has sent forth the **Spirit (Holy)** of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Application;

The Holy Spirit at Work **initiates you** to think about eternal things.

Application;

The Holy Spirit at Work **prompts you** to talk to God.

Application;

The Holy Spirit at Work **calls you** upward to think higher thoughts.

WHY IS THE GOSPEL SO IMPORTANT?

2d.) **Its** centrality **is** matchless

The Gospel was/is Jesus' Mission.

His earthly ministry began with Him **preaching it** and that **preaching** will conclude with it **being preached!**

Luke 4:16-21

So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written 18 **"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; 19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."** 20 Then He closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all who were in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

The Gospel is God's Last Word to Mankind about Heaven / Hell / Sin / Forgiveness / Life / Death

Hebrews 1:1-2

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, **2** has in these last days spoken to us by His Son,

WHY IS THE GOSPEL SO IMPORTANT?

2e.) **Its** sufficiency **is** total

The Transforming Gospel of God

The Gospel is all powerful.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, (why?) for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes,

But why is Paul not ashamed of the Gospel?

Because he had seen its power and had been totally transformed / convinced that nothing could (can) stop it.

There are Seven (7) Designations in Scripture;

- (1) The Gospel of the Kingdom
- (2) The Gospel of God (3) The Gospel of His Son
- (4) The Gospel of Christ (5) The Gospel of the Grace of God
- (6) The Gospel of the Glory of God (7) The Everlasting gospel

2 Timothy 1:10

For it has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,

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3.) Whom is the Gospel for?

WHOM IS THE GOSPEL FOR?

3a.) The Gospel is for all to believe

The Lord is not willing that any should perish...

Isaiah 45:22a

“Look to Me, and be saved.”

John 3:36

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”

WHOM IS THE GOSPEL FOR?

3b.) The Gospel is to benefit those who do believe

2 Corinthians 3:2-3

2 You are our epistle written in our hearts, known and read by all men; 3 clearly you are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of flesh, that is, of the heart.

Romans 3:2

But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

What historical, documented eyewitness accounts do we have to prove that?

- (1) The twelve apostles of Jesus Christ went global.
- (2) The conversion of the Apostle Paul.
- (3) The conversion of scores of people that went out and changed the world.
- (4) The conversion of many Roman leaders within the Roman Empire.

Fast forward to more recent times, the conversions of people such as

- (5) Sir Isaac Newton,
- (6) Oxford Professor and Philosopher; **C.S. Lewis**,
- (7) Director of the National Institute of Health, Director Human Genome Project and Co-Discoverer of mapping the Human DNA, and Author of "The Language of God" – Francis Collins

The strongest argument for the Gospel of Christ is a changed life.

"The strongest argument for the Gospel of Christ is the personal testimony of someone whose life has been changed by it. Charles Bradlaugh, an avowed infidel, once challenged the Rev. H.P. Hughes to a debate. The preacher, who was head of a rescue mission in London, England, accepted the challenge with the condition that he could bring with him 100 men and women who would tell what had happened to their lives since trusting Christ as their Savior. They would be people who once lived in deep sin, some having come from poverty-stricken homes caused by the vices of their parents. Hughes said "they would not only tell of their conversion, but would submit to cross-examination by any who doubted their transformation. Furthermore, the minister invited his opponent to bring a group of non-believers who could tell how they were helped by their atheism. When the appointed day arrived, the preacher came, accompanied by 100 transformed persons, but Bradlaugh never showed up. The result? The meeting turned into a testimony time and many sinners who had gathered to hear the scheduled debate were themselves converted."

Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1627)

Bacon was a philosopher who is known for establishing the scientific method of inquiry

Johannes Kepler (1571-1630)

Kepler was a brilliant mathematician and astronomer. He did early work on light, and established the laws of planetary motion

Blaise Pascal (1623-1662)

Pascal was a French mathematician, physicist, inventor, writer and theologian

Michael Faraday (1791-1867)

Electricity and magnetism not only revolutionized physics, but led to much of our modern day lifestyle comforts and knowledge. He was a devoted Christian and seminary student of the Bible.

Helen Keller, George Washington, Samuel Adams, Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg,

And Now There's You!

Here's a Warning...

Hebrews 4:2

For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.

Don't be a "them", be an "us" – be with us!

WHOM IS THE GOSPEL FOR?

3c.) The Gospel is for God and man

It is the Gospel and nothing but the Gospel that fulfills the whole of Scripture.

From God's Point of View:

The Gospel reveals the Love of God to man.

From Man's Point of View:

The Gospel provides all that is needed for man.

The Significance of the Cross

It's where your **salvation** was **purchased**.

It's where your **sins** were **removed**.

It's where **Satan** was **defeated**.

It's where **Love** was displayed for all **to see**.

Colossians 2:13

You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. 14 He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

Revelation 22:17

And the Spirit (**Holy**) and the bride (**Church**) say, "**Come!**" And let him who hears say, "**Come!**" And let him who thirsts **come**. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely.

Matthew 11:28

Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

>>> **The Cross, The Christ, The Call** <<<

End of Study

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