

The Gospel the ONLY Means of Salvation

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We Are Saved By The GOSPEL of TRUTH

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye **heard the word of truth**, the **gospel of your salvation**: in whom also **after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**: (Eph. 1:13)

We are saved by the Gospel of TRUTH, and sealed by the Holy Spirit.

Notice there is Only One Gospel. What Is The GOSPEL? Do You Know?

Now **I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you**, which you received, in which you stand, and **by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you unless you believed in vain**. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that **“Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures:”** (1 Cor. 15:1-4) ESVS

Notice; Paul received the GOSPEL from Jesus Himself - (Gal. 1:11,12).

This was not a Pentecostal gospel, not a Baptist gospel, not a Methodist gospel, not a Reformed gospel, not a Catholic gospel, etc... this was the Gospel of TRUTH which Paul received from the Lord Himself; Not Traditions of Men!

For I would have you know, brothers and sisters, that **the gospel which was preached by me is not of human invention**. For **I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it**, but **I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ**.

(Gal. 1:11,12) NASB

The CROSS is the Foundation of the GOSPEL

The only way to the Father is Jesus, the only way to Jesus is through the Cross (the alter of God). Remember the Cross is not a piece of jewelry to adorn your appearance or body, it was a place of sacrifice and suffering where God the Father sacrificed His only Son for our sin! If God knew of a way to pay for man's sin other than Crucifying His Only Son He certainly would have done it! (Rom. 6:23)

Clearly reminds us that our sin carries a heavy price: For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. The Cross is not a religion made by men, but a Blood Covenant between God and man.

For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God reconciled everything to himself. **He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross.** (Col. 1:19,20) NLT

For **the preaching of the cross** is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. (1 Cor. 1:18)

For I determined not to know any thing among you, save **Jesus Christ,** and **him crucified.** (1 Cor. 2:2)

But **we preach Christ crucified,** unto **the Jews a stumblingblock,** and unto **the Greeks foolishness;** But **unto them which are called,** both **Jews** and **Greeks,** Christ **the power of God,** and **the wisdom of God.** (1 Cor. 1:23,24)

But God forbid that I should glory, save **in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,** by whom **the world is crucified unto me,** and **I unto the world.** (Gal. 6:14)

*Notice what the scripture says; Paul's **Glory is in the CROSS;**
not the Resurrection, nor the Miracles that Jesus did:*

For **the life of the body is in its blood. I have given you the blood on the altar to purify you,** making you right with the LORD. **It is the blood, given in exchange for a life, that makes purification possible.** (Lev. 17:11) NLT

How much severer punishment do you think he will deserve who has trampled under foot the Son of God, and has regarded as unclean the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has insulted the Spirit of grace? (Heb. 10:29) NASB

And **they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb,** and **by the word of their testimony;** and they loved not their lives unto the death. (Rev. 12:11)

***The Message of THE CROSS** (By Jimmy Swaggart)*

Jesus Christ is the New Covenant. This means that He doesn't merely have the New Covenant or merely proclaim the New Covenant, but rather **is the New Covenant.** The meaning of this Covenant was given to the Apostle Paul, the meaning of which is the Cross of Christ, which Paul gave to us in his 14 Epistles. **The Cross of Christ is the Gospel.** This means that it does not merely contain the Gospel but, in fact, is the Gospel.

Paul said; “**Christ sent me not to baptize**, but **to preach the Gospel**: not with wisdom of words, **lest the Cross of Christ should be made of none effect**.” (1 Cor. 1:17)

In this one Scripture we are plainly and clearly told exactly what the Gospel of Jesus Christ is. **It is the Cross of Christ**. The New Covenant is different than any other Covenant which God has ever made with humanity. It is different in the fact that it cannot fail. While it is between God and man as all other Covenants made by God, still, it cannot fail. **The reason it cannot fail is because it is all in Christ. Christ is both God and Man**, so He fills both roles. Man may accept the Covenant, or he may reject the Covenant, but **that does not affect the Covenant**. **Because it is in Christ**, Paul could call it, and rightly so, “**The Everlasting Covenant**” (Heb. 13:20). Man may fail and, in fact, will fail, but The Man Jesus Christ cannot fail, because, He is GOD in a Human body. One might say and be Scripturally correct that The Message Of The Cross Is The New Covenant. It is the most complex Work ever carried out by God and, at the same time, the most simple. We have tried to bring this great Work under four headings. They are:

1. **Jesus Christ is the Source of all things** that we receive from God (Jn. 1:1,14,29; 14:6,20; Col. 2:10-15)
2. **The Cross of Christ is the Means** and the only Means by which all of these wonderful things are given to us (Rom. 6:1-14; Gal. 6:14; Col. 2:14,15)
3. With our Lord as the Source and the Cross as the Means, **the Cross of Christ, without fail, must be the Object of our Faith** (1 Cor. 1:17, 18, 23; 2:2)
4. With our Lord as the Source, the Cross as the Means, and the Cross the Object of our Faith, and exclusively the Object of Faith, then, **the Holy Spirit, Who works exclusively within the parameters, so to speak, of the Finished Work of Christ**, will work grandly on our behalf. If our Faith is placed anywhere other than the Cross of Christ, the Holy Spirit will not and, in fact, cannot function and work on our behalf. He is the One Who works on our behalf. Who Alone can make us what we ought to be, and Who works exclusively within the boundaries of the Cross of Christ (Rom. 8:1-14; Eph. 2:13-18)

YOU MUST BE BORN AGAIN

The Cross (the Blood of Jesus) is the Only Means by which one can be Born Again! Your faith must be placed solely on Jesus Christ and what He did on the Cross. If you place your faith (discussed later) on anything else, God will not accept you and you will spend eternity in a horrible place called Hell! Many so called good people are there right now because they did not take the Gospel Seriously. God is deadly serious about His Word, and does not play church!

Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee,
Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (John 3:3)

That which is **born of the flesh is flesh**; and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** (John 3:6)

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it is coming from and where it is going; so is everyone who has been born of the Spirit.” (John 3:8) NASB

What Does It Really Mean to be BORN AGAIN?

There are many misconceptions as to what it means to be Born Again. One of the biggest deceptions is to think and say that Jesus died on the Cross and rose from the dead saying (amen, amen), while not changing their lives (repenting) and continuing in their sins. People think they're saved by just quoting (Rom. 10:9) like a Parrot. Friends, that is a lie from the pit of Hell. Do you really think God sacrificed His life for you to live like the devil? Let's examine what (Rom. 10:9) really says.

That **if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus,** and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, **thou shalt be saved.**

(Rom. 10:9)

They affirm the first part of the verse while totally ignoring the second part along with verses (Rom. 10:10,11):

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and **shalt believe in thine heart** that God hath raised him from the dead, **thou shalt be saved.** For **with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;** and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, **Whosoever believeth on him** shall not be ashamed. (Rom. 10:9-11)

*Friends, what's the key word here? (**believe**). If we really believe what He says we will act like it and obey. Look at what Jesus also tells us:*

“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you? (Luke 6:46)

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Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead?** Was not Abraham our father **justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar?** Seest thou how **faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?** And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham **believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness:** and he was called **the Friend of God.** (Jam. 2:19-23)

*Do you see what the key word here is (believe) Abraham was **Not saved by works,** rather his works showed that **he believed what God said.** Abraham had Faith to **believe God at His Word** and that he **could Trust Him completely.***

The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and **he knoweth them that trust in him.** (Nah. 1:7)

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and **lean not unto thine own understanding.** In **all thy ways acknowledge him,** and **he shall direct thy paths.** **Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD,** and **depart from evil.**
(Prov. 3:5-7)

*When You Are **BORN AGAIN,** You Become a New Creation (Regenerated)*

Therefore **if anyone is in Christ, this person is a new creation;** **the old things passed away;** behold, **new things have come.** (2 Cor. 5:17) NASB

That **he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men,** but **to the will of God.** (1 Pet. 4:2)

And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, **in the regeneration** when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. (Matt. 19:28)

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, **by the washing of regeneration,** and **renewing of the Holy Ghost.**
(Titus 3:5)

Finally; Paul's Warning To The Church

Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

(Col. 2:8)

We need to understand this because satan is deceiving the world by putting forth many different gospels. Paul warn's us about the false gospels that are being spread in order to deceive the people.

1. False gospel of Wealth;

Which states that wealth is a sign from God that you are holy and blessed. Your wealth is a sign of your holiness. Totally contradicts the Bible (Jam. 2).

2. False gospel of Pleasure;

Which states that happiness is a sure sign that you are blessed and God is with you. Totally contradicts the Bible. Yes God shall supply all your needs, for His Glory not yours. God lets you enjoy food but warned you about gluttony. Take up your Cross and follow me! (Matt. 16:24-26)

3. False gospel of Social Justice;

Which looks at everyone else's Sin, but refuses to look at their own. They're deceived into thinking their right and the Bible is wrong. Calling wrong right and right wrong. (Is. 5:20-24)

4. False gospel of Globalism;

Which states we are all God's children, we are all going to heaven. All religions and all gods lead to heaven. You can live the way you want to and still go to heaven. These are lies from the pit of hell itself. The scriptures declare that only a few people will enter into heaven, and most will end up in hell. (Matt. 7:13-29)

5. False gospel of the Seeker Sensitive Churches;

*Where God's Truth is not proclaimed or cherished. The ministers take a church census and find out what the congregation wants to hear. That's the doctrine they teach and preach. Social pleasure is their goal, they say; "lets soften this Jesus rhetoric (the Bible) and let's all get along like one big happy family."
(Psa. 92:5-7 & Prov. 1:22-33)*

6. False gospel of Catholicism;

Here is where the false doctrines of devils came into the church! Sale of indulgences; holy water; purgatory; mass in Latin; prayer to Mary, and the saints; adoration of images; kissing the feet of the pope; canonization of the deceased; celibacy of the priests; transubstantiation; the infallibility of the pope: They mentioned Jesus Christ and God but only in name, not in deeds and doctrine.

I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. (Gal. 1:6-9)

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If there come any unto you, and **bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.** (2 John 10,11)

For such men are **false apostles, deceitful workers, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.** No wonder, for **even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.** Therefore **it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness,** whose end will be according to their deeds.

(2 Cor. 11:13-15) NASB