# The Message of the New Testament

## The Message

1) The "Gospels": Matthew, Mark, Luke, John (Under Law)

Jesus comes under the Old Testament

He lives under the Law of Moses without sin.

He dies, is buried, is resurrected to fulfill the Old and

open the way to the New. (Matt 28:18-20; Mark 13:15-16)

- Law is gone as the way
- Grace is the Way through D-B-R
- Right standing comes through D-B-R
- What is D-B-R?

Faith in Jesus' work D-B-R 1 Cor 15:1-4

Death – defeats Satan and Sin

Jesus shed his blood

Burial – Jesus dies and is buried

Resurrection – Jesus is raised from the dead to

defeat death.

Salvation is by faith in D-B-R

You trust it and go through your own DBR in water baptism.

It is being born again of the water and the Spirit.

It is not just a powerless symbol.

If you are not baptized right you are not right with God.

- Acts 8 Simon the Sorcerer
- Acts 19 Disciples of John
- 2) Acts is the history up to Paul's imprisonment in Rome.

Luke wrote it to Paul's lawyer Theophilus.

Shows the Gospel in Action!

3) **Romans** – Paul's letter to those in Rome (Rom. 1:15)

Concerning the Gospel! 1:16-1; 6:1-7

#### Chapter

- 1-8 The Gospel D-B-R, not law
- 9-11 About the Jews; quotes from the O.T.!
- 12 Being Spiritual
- 13 Government
- 14 Strong & Weak  $\rightarrow$  15:12
- 15:13-19 Exhortation about the Spirit
- 15:25 The Gospel Mission on the way to Jerusalem
- 15:31 Paul knows Jerusalem is bad news
- 16 Final Greetings
- 4 Paul's Letters to Assemblies in different cities
- 5 Letters to Evangelists
- 6 Hebrews: Jesus is superior to Moses!
- 7 James, Peter, Jude, John
- 8 Revelation: What Jesus did while His body was in the tomb.

Coming destruction of Jerusalem

The end of the Old, beginning of the New

Satan end in the Lake of Fire

## "Church-ianity" Not found in the New Testament

- No divisions on every corner
- No false teachings they were rooted out.
- No building temples We are the temple
- No Sabbath observations that is law/O.T.!
- No laws, Now it's God's Spirit leading
- Meetings were Spirit empowered! 1 Cor. 14
- Unity of the Truth Spirit
- Worship 24/7
- Kingdom Priest

#### Ekklesia

Not "Church"- that is a man made word.

#### What is Ekklesia?

- Called out people (of Jesus) to gather
- Not a religious word
- It was a common everyday word.
  You could have used it for any called out gathering
  Football game or religious gathering

# It just means people assembled!

- We are the assembled people of Christ.
- His body
  - Not a building!
  - Not a place to preach to the lost!
  - Not a temple made by hands!

We are supposed to gather and build each other up in the power of the Holy Spirit.

• You cannot do Spirit things under law

All you can do is flesh led program things!

#### **Romans 8**

1. Flesh led Religion without the Spirit – cannot please God!

Flesh led programs elevate:

Music

Preachers

**Programs** 

2. Spirit led assemblies elevate/encourage

God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit

The true Gospel, the New Way
People: We build each other up by the Spirit

Leaders are servant who held facilitate all this!

Ephesians 4

The Bible shows there are 2 Kinds of Groups called "Christians"

1. Flesh led: under law or license
Church people under the steeple, keeping the Sabbath...

- 2. Spirit Led:
  - Led by the Holy Spirit
  - Walking in truth
  - No law, bu the Spirit
  - No devils either

Look at Acts for examples of this

Both are in there

Revelation 2-3 shows it too.

Galatians – law keepers are lost