

# Five Facts About the Gospel of Christ

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## Introduction:

In this lesson I want to bring out some things we might take for granted about the Gospel of Christ.

### I) The Gospel of Christ Is Based on Christ

#### A) What is the Gospel?

1. Paul states the Gospel focuses on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. **1 Corinthians 15.3,4.**
2. The Gospel is that which was revealed by the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, **John 14.26; 15.26, 16.13.**
3. It was first preached on the Day of Pentecost, **Acts 2.**

#### B) The Gospel is not of human origin, or product of a “church”, or of a council.

1. Since is not of human origin, or church, or council, it cannot be changed by any human being, or church, or council.
2. The words of Paul still ring true, **Galatians 1.8.9.**
3. The Gospel of the first century is the Gospel of today!

### II) The Gospel of Christ is Good News

#### A) See **1 Corinthians 15.1** in TCNT the wording is “glad tidings”

1. The word gospel comes from the Old English god

meaning "good" and spel meaning "news, a story."

2. The new about Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension into heaven.

B) Why is it Good News?

1. What would you say if you were asleep and your house caught on fire. You are sleeping through the smoke alarm, and suddenly someone wakes you up by pounding on the door? You would feel relieved and thankful for telling you to get out of the house.
2. The Bible tells us that everyone is lost due to sin, ***Psalm 14.3; 1 Kings 8.46; Romans 3.9ff.***
3. The Gospel is telling us how to be saved, it is the message of salvation, ***Acts 2.40.***

III) **The Gospel of Christ is in Need of Being Preached**

A) **It is by the teaching and preaching of the Gospel that it can be spread.**

1. The Gospels records the "Great Commission" ***Matthew 28.18ff, Mark 16.15,16, Luke 24.46.47.***
2. Paul states the power of the Gospel in ***Romans 1.16.***
3. That is why those opposed to the Gospel in the first century tried to stop those teaching it, ***Acts 4.17-19; 5.28-29***

B) **Faithful Christians teaching others the Gospel is the pattern, *2 Timothy 2.2.***

1. Does the “Great Commission still apply to us today? Some will say no; thus, they see no need to teach others.
2. If Timothy taught someone and that person taught another and the cycle then it spread from generation to generation.
3. The church at Thessalonica was spreading the Gospel in their city and region, **1 Thess. 1.8.**

#### IV) **The Gospel of Christ is an Urgent Message**

##### A) **The opportunity to preach is limited**

1. Limited by the time of the audience. There are people who we will not be able to teach in the near future.
  - a. The hardening of their heart
  - b. The end of their life
2. Our limited time – as time goes by, I realize more and more the brevity of life. I have been preaching the Gospel for over 35 years and realize the end is nearer than the beginning.

##### B) **Jesus saw the urgency of spreading His word, *John 4.35***

1. The sower goes out to sow is how the parable of the sower begins.
2. The key is the seed, the word of God, but it requires sowing.

#### V) **The Gospel Commands Obedience**

**A) If anyone wants to follow Jesus...**

1. Not – find a convenient time, find a convenient message
2. But deny himself and take up the cross, **Mark 8.34**
3. Believe in Jesus being the Son of God, **John 8.24**
4. Confess your faith in Jesus, **Acts 8.37**
5. Repent of your sins, **Acts 17.30**
6. Be baptized for the remission of sin, **Acts 2.38**
7. Be faithful until death, **Revelation 2.10a**

**B) Receive the crown of life, **Rev. 2.10b****

**“God Sent What We Needed”**

by D.A. Carson

“If God had perceived that our greatest need was economic, he would have sent an economist. If he had perceived that our greatest need was entertainment, he would have sent us a comedian or an artist. If God had perceived that our greatest need was political stability, he would have sent us a politician. If he had perceived that our greatest need was health, he would have sent us a doctor. But he perceived that our greatest need involved our sin, our alienation from him, our profound rebellion, our death; and he sent us a Savior.”