

TWO GOSPELS— WHICH GOSPEL SAVES TODAY?

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The Philippian jailor asked Paul and Silas, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” Their answer: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house (Acts 16:30-31).” Those who believed in his house could be saved, too.

On the day of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter stood up with the eleven and addressed the men of Israel, stating that prophecy was being fulfilled according to that which was spoken by the prophet Joel. It was the last days, the Holy Spirit was to be poured out upon the sons and daughters of Israel and they were to prophesy. Signs and wonders were to be done in heaven above, and signs in the earth beneath, with blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke in Acts 2.

Israel had taken by wicked hands and crucified Jesus, but God had made that same Jesus both Lord and Christ in raising him from the dead. Acts 2:37: “Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?”

Peter’s answer: **Acts 2:38 “Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”**

Here we have two different gospels. ONE TO A GENTILE which was preached by the Apostle Paul and Silas to the Philippian jailor, which was: Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Paul also calls the gospel he preached, “my gospel” (Romans 11:13). It was the gospel of the grace of God. It was given unto him by direct revelation from the Lord in heaven after his ascension.

THE SECOND GOSPEL was spoken by the Apostle Peter on the day of Pentecost. This gospel: Repent and be water baptized for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. This gospel was according to the last days when the Lord was to make his enemies his footstool (Acts 2), and then set up the kingdom of heaven on the earth.

What was the gospel that Paul preached as written to the Corinthians? He tells them to keep in memory what he preached unto them, lest they had believed in vain. Paul says: **“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: (I Corinthians 15:3-4).”** Paul also calls the message he preached, he received it directly from the Lord and was not according to prophecy. It had been kept a secret. It was hid in God from before the foundation of the world (Ephesians 3).

In the book of Galatians, we find Paul asking the Galatians, Why are you preaching another gospel? It was not another gospel, but it was the fact that they were preaching Jesus according to the “time past” gospel, the one committed unto the apostle Peter and the church on the day of Pentecost. This was the gospel of the circumcision. This was the gospel to the Jew,

according to prophecy and the law of Moses. BUT PAUL'S GOSPEL WAS THE GOSPEL OF THE UN—CIRCUMCISION. His was a different gospel.

SO WHICH GOSPEL IS FOR TODAY? WHAT IS THE GOSPEL WE CAN BE SAVED FROM OUR SIN AND BE JUSTIFIED BEFORE GOD? Is it the "gospel of the kingdom," which is to be established on the earth, according to that which was spoken by the mouth of all the holy prophets since the world began, and no secret? Or, is our message for today, according to a new message committed unto the Apostle Paul's trust, the one for the Gentiles? See Romans 11:13; I Corinthians 9:17; Galatians 2:7; Titus 1:3).

The "dispensation of the grace of God" is for today's gospel. We are not under the law today; we live under grace. We are saved by his grace. **Ephesians 2:8 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast."**

Today, under grace, our message is for all nations. **Romans 16:25** *"Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, 26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith: 27 To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ for ever. Amen."*