

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

II Corinthians 11:3-4

II Peter 3:15-16 We are warned many times in the scriptures about the deception of the Devil regarding the things of God. Peter tells us that there were and are people who will twist the scriptures.

I Corinthians 15:1-4 Here is what Paul wrote about the Gospel. The scripture tells us that Paul *declared* (proclaim, tell explicitly, make known) the Gospel to them, the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ which they received (believed) and they were saved.

II Corinthians 4:3-7 These few verses are powerful scriptures regarding the Gospel of Christ. Notice that God puts this *treasure* (the Gospel) within each believer (*earthen vessel*). Then notice that once it is in the believer it is God that has the excellency (*honor, majesty*) because of the *power of the Gospel*.

Isaiah 53:5 It is the Gospel through which we see the love, justice, mercy and forgiveness Of God.

WHAT THE GOSPEL IS

Romans 1:16; I Cor. 9:16 The Apostle Paul was called and designated to preach the Gospel to the Jews and the Gentiles because it is believing in the Gospel (the power of God unto salvation), that gives salvation to the Jews and to the Gentiles. The Gospel is (*Good News*) because it's God's gift to us.

Ephesians 2:8 It is by the grace of God (undeserved favor), through faith (believing) in the Gospel, that we can be saved. This verse and many others make it very plain that salvation is a gift, (**FREE**).

Romans 5:15-17; 6:23; Jn. 4:10; II Cor. 9:15 How many times does God have to tell us that His salvation to lost sinners is ours as a free gift. Salvation, eternal life, is a gift (**FREE**), from God.

Ephesians 2:8; 11:6 Salvation is ALL OF GOD, by grace (**Undeserved Favor**). The word grace means God gives His favor, His goodness to people freely who deserve judgment or condemnation. It is God's grace that is extended freely to lost people who will simply believe the Gospel of Christ.

John 3:16; 5:24; 6:47; 10:28; 20:31 It is very important to KNOW and UNDERSTAND that the Gospel message to those who believe brings with it God's promise of ETERNAL LIFE.

I John 5:9-13 God has given us His witness, (God the Holy Spirit). God has given us a record, (His Bible). God has given us His promise that if we believe in His Son we have ETERNAL LIFE. How can a person know for sure that they are saved but not know they have eternal life???

WHAT THE GOSPEL IS NOT

Ephesians 2:8-9; II Timothy 1:9 There are hundreds if not thousands of religions and denominations that refuse or ignore the fact that salvation is not by doing something to earn heaven.

Isaiah 64:6; Titus 3:5 The bible is clear regarding any good works that we think might help us have a higher spiritual status or give God a greater opinion about our goodness.

Jeremiah 17:9 The Gospel of salvation is not giving your heart to Jesus, why would He want that?

Acts 10:43 The Gospel of salvation is not repenting and confessing all your sins. Forgiveness for sins is what Jesus does for us AFTER WE BELIEVE.

1.The Gospel is not Lordship salvation which makes us promise to put Jesus first in everything. **2.** The Gospel is not coming to the alter and repeating a sinners prayer. **3.** The Gospel of salvation is not being baptized, joining a church, tithing or serving in the church. **4.** The Gospel is not feeling saved.

A LIVING EXAMPLE

Luke 23:39-44 This man had no good works to present to Christ. He did not promise to be good or to stop being a sinner. He did not say a prayer or confess all his sins. He did not get baptized, join the church or do any good works. He simply believe who Jesus was and was promised eternal life.