

# **The Gospel According to Jesus**

## **Bible Study**



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## **Have you ever thought about Eternity? Would you like to know how to spend Eternity in Heaven?**

The Apostle Paul wrote...

Heb 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

*How shall we escape...*

- If we ignore such a great salvation?
- If we refuse to pay attention to such a great
- salvation?

*(Neglect)*

- To be careless of:
- Make light of, no regard.

*(Salvation)*

- Deliverance from the power of sin; redemption.

~ If we plan on going to heaven... Then we need to find out what the plan of salvation is!

~ Since it was first spoken by the Lord... Let's take a look at what Jesus had to say;

Jesus tells us to...

**John 5:39 (a)** Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life:

Paul reminds us that we have two choices... ***Death or Eternal Life.***

**Rom 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

~ Let's continue in our search, to find what we must do to spend eternity in Heaven.

In the book of Mark we find Jesus preaching...

**Mark 1:15** The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

~ Our first step to salvation is to repent, and believe the Gospel.

*(Repent/Repentance)*

- A turning away from sin, disobedience, or rebellion and turning to God.
- True repentance is a "godly sorrow" for sin, an act of turning around and going in the opposite direction.
- Asking God to forgive us, of our sins.

~ Again in Luke, Jesus said...

**Luke 13:3** I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

~ John the Baptist also echoed the words of Jesus...

**Matt 3:2** And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

~ As we search the scriptures, we find that the first step to salvation is REPENTANCE.

Repentance is asking God to forgive us of our sins.

~ Remember Jesus said... "Repent and Believe the Gospel"

~ So you may ask...

- What about the Gospel?
- What is the Gospel?
- How can I be Born Again?

*(The Gospel)*

The Greek word translated as gospel means simply "good news."

The gospel is not a new plan of salvation!!!

- It's the fulfillment of God's plan of salvation which was begun in the Old Testament.
- Completed in Jesus Christ.
- And is made known by the church.

~ Look at the response Jesus gave Nicodemus, regarding "The Kingdom of God"

**John 3:3-5**

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

4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

~ In vs. 5, Jesus explains what it means to be "*Born Again*"

5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except (UNLESS) a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

~ In vs. 7, Jesus puts emphasis on the instructions... "*We must be Born Again.*"

7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

~ In continuing our search, let's see what Jesus meant

Jesus said...

**Mark 16:16** He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; Examples of being "Born of Water"

Peter preached to the Jews

**Acts 2:40-41**

40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

***The people of Samaria***

**Acts 8:12**

But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.

***Ethiopian Eunuch***

Acts 8:35-38

35 Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus.

36 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized?

37 And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

### ***Apostle Paul***

**Acts 9:18** And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

~ After Paul's conversion, we find him giving the same instructions as Jesus had given.

**Acts 22:16** And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

### ***Cornelius and his family (The Gentiles)***

#### **Acts 10:47-48**

47 Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we?

48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord.

### ***John's Disciples***

**Acts 19:5** When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

### ***The Jailor***

#### **Acts 16:32-33**

32 And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.

33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

## QUESTIONS

1. What is the wages of sin? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is the gift of God? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the first step to salvation? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Jesus said; “Repent and \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_”
5. Jesus said; “Except a man be Born Again, he \_\_\_\_\_  
see the kingdom of God”
6. Jesus said; “Except a man be born of \_\_\_\_\_ and of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ he \_\_\_\_\_ enter into the Kingdom of God.”
7. Ye must be \_\_\_\_\_
8. Jesus said; “He that believeth and is \_\_\_\_\_ shall be  
\_\_\_\_\_.”
9. In the examples of people being baptized, in whose name  
were they baptized in? \_\_\_\_\_

### **What did Jesus mean...To be “Born of the Spirit?”**

~ In John 3:8, We see Jesus sharing with Nicodemus what it means to be “Born of the Spirit.”

8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

~ Let’s look at what this scripture means... (WIND)

In the Greek means...pneuma (pnyoo'-mah);

- A current of air, breath.
- A spirit, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit, or Holy Ghost.  
(SOUND) In the Greek means...phone (fo-nay'); Sound  
Language

~ Jesus is telling us, anyone who is “Born of the Spirit” (Holy Spirit, Holy Ghost) will hear a sound (Language).

## **Examples of people being “Born of the Spirit”**

### ***The New Testament Church***

#### **Acts 2:1-4**

1 And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.

4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, (Wind) and began to speak with other tongues, (Language) as the Spirit gave them utterance.

### ***The Gentiles***

#### **Acts 10:1-2**

1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band,

2 A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway.

#### **(Skip to verse 32)**

32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call hither Simon, whose surname is Peter; he is lodged in the house of one Simon a tanner by the sea side: who, when he cometh, shall speak unto thee.

33 Immediately therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.

#### **(Skip to verse 44)**

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.

45 And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. (Wind)

46 For they heard them speak with tongues, (Language) and magnify God.

## ***John Disciples***

### **Acts 19:1-6**

1 Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples,

2 He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost.

**(Skip to vs. 6)**

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost (Wind) came on them; and they spake with tongues, (Language) and prophesied.

### **Titus 3:5**

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, (HOW?) by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

- Washing means... Baptism.
- Renewing of the Holy Ghost means... Regeneration and/or restoration which is done by the power of the Holy Ghost.

~ This scripture is another reference of being “Born Again” of the “Water and the Spirit!”

~ Peter gave complete instructions when asked what to do concerning Salvation.

The question was asked in Acts 2:37

Men and brethren, what shall we do?

~ Peter responded in vs. 38 using the same words as Jesus.

- Repent and believe the Gospel.
- The Gospel meaning to be Born Again of the Water and the Spirit.

38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you (HOW?) in the name of Jesus Christ (WHY?) for the remission of sins, (*HE REMOVES THE EVIDENCE!*) and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

39 For the promise is unto you, (*GOD'S PROMISES!!!*) and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

Have YOU been BORN AGAIN?



SALVATION IS SO IMPORTANT...

PAUL HAD THIS TO SAY...

**Gal 1:6-12**

6 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

10 For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

11 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

~ Let's take a look at Matthew 28:19

**Matt 28:19**

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

*What is the name of the Father?*

Jesus said...

**John 5:43** I am come in my Father's name, What is the name of the Son?

**Matt 1:21** And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

**John 20:31** But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

*What is the name of the Holy Ghost?*

**John 14:26** But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Apostle Paul said there is...

**Eph 4:5** One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

~ We must make a choice between tradition and truth.

~ I want to believe the truth... More than I want to be right.

## QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean to be “Born of the Spirit?” \_\_\_\_\_
2. What did all the examples have in common when they re- ceived the Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Then peter said unto them, \_\_\_\_\_ and be \_\_\_\_\_ every one of you in the name of \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_.
4. What is the name of the father? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What is the name of the son? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What is the name of the Holy Ghost? \_\_\_\_\_
7. So, what name should we be baptized in? \_\_\_\_\_

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