

L3: The Gospels: Gospels & Justification by Faith Pt. 2

Read

Pray

Summary Points:

- By definition the word "gospel" means a good or joyous message. Therefore by definition there can be more than one gospel in the Bible, in fact, we should expect there to be more than one gospel in the Bible for we should expect God to be filled with good and joyous messages.
- This is also understood in regards to how God shares his good and joyous messages or "gospels" or describes them; that is, the Bible communicates and identifies the certain "gospels" by stating them as "the gospel of _____".
- The "gospels" we will consider are described as they are to denote that they are either: 1) progressively revealed, 2) overlap at certain aspects, and/or 3) provide another angle or focus on a certain aspect of a given "gospel".
- There are similar expressions to that of "gospel" which are: good tidings, glad tidings, and good news. The Bible provides man's good tidings and glad tidings as it does God's. It is God's good news that we are considering in this series.
- We must not confuse different gospels or more than one gospel to that of the one way in which an individual is justified unto eternal life; that is, by grace through faith and the blood of Christ providing for that justification unto eternal life.

Lesson Points:

- **Justification by Faith**
- **The Gospels**

Justification by Faith

- **Romans 4 - Two Cases**
 - In the Case of Abraham Before the Law
 - :1-5 - "...Abraham believed God, and it (faith) was counted unto Him for righteousness"
 - God justifies Abraham on the basis of Abraham's faith in God
 - The gospel provides the individual to believe in God
 - Romans 3:25-26 states that God was able to justify Abraham without the blood of Christ based upon His forbearance knowing that the blood of Christ provision would be made.
 - In the Case of David Under the Law
 - :6-9 - "even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God imputeth righteousness without works"

- Abraham and David both justified without works and David was under the law of works.
 - :10-25 - teaches that the issue of justification by faith is toward both the uncircumcision and the circumcision.
- **Galatians 3 - Before the Law and the Role of the Law**
 - Before the Law
 - :6-9 - the focus of Galatians 3:1-9 is not that we believed the same content Abraham did, but "are of faith" are those "blessed with faithful Abraham".
 - In fact, Galatians is stating we are "blessed with faithful Abraham" even when we don't believe the same gospel as him.
 - The Role of the Law
 - Doesn't disannul that justification is by faith
 - Added because of transgressions
 - Justification doesn't come by the law
 - Shuts up to bring (led them) them unto justification by faith
 - **Romans 3:19** - stop mouths and become guilty before God\
 - **Daniel 9:2** - "understood by books" (past tense)
 - :4 - "made my confession" (Lev. 26:40)
 - Individual and national
 - :5 - "we have sinned"
 - :7 - "O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee"
 - :9 - "to the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses"
 - **Luke 18:9-14**
 - In the temple (keeping the law)
 - "be merciful to me a sinner"
 - Not expecting his obedience to the law to justify him, but rather teaching him he is a sinner
 - Publican relying upon God mercy apart from the works of the law
 - God justifies him

Different Gospels

- Major "gospels" and/or influential passages that talk about a "gospel"
 - The Gospel of the Kingdom
 - Matthew 4:23
 - The Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - Mark 1:1
 - The Gospel of the Grace of God
 - Acts 20:24
 - The Gospel of God

- Romans 1:1
 - 1 Peter 4:17
 - The gospel unto Abraham
- The Gospel of Christ
 - Romans 1:16
 - The gospel of your salvation
- Paul's Gospel
 - Romans 2:16
 - Romans 16:25
- The Gospel of Peace (2x)
 - Romans 10:15
 - Ephesians 6:15
- The Gospel of the Uncircumcision
- The Gospel of the Circumcision
 - Galatians 2:7
- The Everlasting Gospel
 - Revelation 14:6
- Use of the Old and New Testament Concerning Gospels
 - Mark 1:15 - "time is fulfilled...gospel of kingdom at hand"
 - Romans 1:1-3 - "the gospel of God"
 - Romans 10:15 - "the gospel of peace"
 - Galatians 3:8 - "the gospel unto Abraham"