

GETTING THE GOSPEL RIGHT & WRONG

- Gospel clarity through contrast & syncreticism: Romans 11:6; Acts 13:38-39; 2 Cor. 4:3-4, 11:3-4

GETTING THE GOSPEL RIGHT

I. THE ENTRANCE OF THE GOSPEL. (1 Corinthians 15:1a)

- A. Their PAST ENCOUNTER with the Gospel. (15:1-2a)**
- B. Their PRESENT ISSUE Involving the Gospel. (15:1d-2, 12)**

II. THE ELEMENTS OF THE GOSPEL. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

A. The AUTHORITY and IMPORTANCE of the Gospel. (15:3a)

1. The message of the Gospel was _____ by Paul without apology.
2. The message of the Gospel was of _____ ... “first of all”.

B. The ANALYSIS and CONTENT of the Gospel. (15:3b)

1. The Gospel of salvation centers in a *specific person* who is _____.
Why is this significant? (2 reasons)
2. The Gospel of salvation centers in a *specific work*, namely that Christ _____
and _____. Why is this significant? (2 reasons)
3. The Gospel of salvation centers in a *specific accomplishment*, namely that Christ died _____
_____. Why is this significant? (2 reasons)
4. The Gospel of salvation requires a *specific response* to receive its blessings, namely _____
alone in _____ alone as presented in the Gospel. (15:2, 11)

III. THE EVIDENCES OF THE GOSPEL (1 Corinthians 15:3-11)

- A. Proof #1: The Gospel** _____. (15:3-4) Where would this be found?
- B. Proof #2: The Gospel is** _____. (15:5-8) What is significant about this? These witnesses of the resurrected Christ were so impacted by seeing the resurrected Christ that they were never the same, preaching the Gospel in many countries with many of them eventually even giving their lives in martyrdom for the testimony of Jesus Christ!
- C. Proof #3: The Gospel is** _____. (15:10-11)
 1. Exhibit A of this truth is how the truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ transformed _____
_____ into the _____. (15:10)
 2. The testimony of Paul emphasizes the _____ in SALVATION,
SP. GROWTH & SERVICE for Jesus Christ. (15:10)

GETTING THE GOSPEL WRONG (The Importance of Gospel Clarity through Contrast.)

- A. The One and Only Condition for Eternal Salvation is** _____ alone in _____ alone as presented in the Gospel apart from good works, religious rituals, or the efforts to keep the Law (Acts 16:30-31; John 3:16-18; Romans 3:28, 4:4-5, 5:1; Ephesians 2:8-9)

B. Consider the analogies of faith in John's writings: the _____ . (John 1:12); _____ at a pole (John 3:14-16); taking _____ of water (4:13-14); _____ a piece of bread (John 6:51); the _____ of a record or testimony. (1 John 5:9 -13)

C. WHAT Are SOME of the WRONG RESPONSES to the GOSPEL? Faith in Jesus Christ plus ...

1. Be _____ . (1 Cor.1:17-18) Clarification: Water baptism is only for those who have already been _____ by God's GRACE through FAITH alone in Christ alone and acts as a means of _____ and _____ of the Gospel one has already believed. (Acts 8:35-39, 18:8)

2. Be _____ ; don't _____ too much. (Titus 3:5) Clarification: While God desires all believers to live a holy life as a _____ of being saved and their new position in Christ (Rom. 6), it is not the means of obtaining or maintaining salvation; otherwise, salvation would not be by _____ but by our _____. (1 Peter 1:3-5, 13-19)

3. _____ . (John 3:18) Clarification: The issue at salvation is not "repenting of your sins" but _____ about the SAVIOR who died for your sins so as to trust in His finished work alone. Repentance from sin does have a place _____ in the believer's life as part of the practical SANCTIFICATION or spiritual growth process but is not a condition for justification before God. (2 Cor.7:8-11; 1 Jn. 1:5-10)

4. _____ . (John 1:12; Gal. 4:6) Clarification: _____ in Scripture are we told to ask/invite Jesus Christ into our hearts for He _____ comes in {as does the Holy Spirit – Eph. 1:13} the moment we trust in Christ alone as presented in the Gospel. To ask Jesus into your heart CONFUSES the Gospel as you do not ask for a free gift. Comment on Rev. 3:20.

5. _____ . Clarification: Salvation is _____ obtained by giving [your money, your commitment, or your life] but by _____ the gift of salvation through FAITH in CHRIST alone apart from works, ritual, or law. (John 1:12; Rom. 4:3-12)

6. _____ . (Romans 12:1) Clarification: While a sinner MUST believe on the Lord [God] Jesus Christ to be saved {Acts 16:31}, it is not a matter of one surrendering or submitting to Christ's Lordship in EXCHANGE for salvation for then salvation would be a _____, not a gift. Salvation 1st tense from sin's penalty is not an issue of behavior but of _____ (John 3:3) and _____ (John 3:16). Instead, it was _____ submission to God's will that took Him to the cross to die for their sins that saves a sinner. Only AFTER salvation does God want all believers to _____ themselves to God as a RESULT of His mercies to them and their new position in Christ. (Rom.6:11-13; 12:1-2)

- Is the clarity of the Gospel secondary issue? (Gal. 1:8-9)
- Is the clarity of the Gospel an issue of semantics? (1 Cor. 14:9)
- Remember that "without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins". (Heb. 9:22) Ask yourself:
- How does all of this apply to you?
 - In your gratefulness to God?
 - In your daily walk with Jesus Christ?
 - In your witness to others?
 - In your eternal salvation?