



The Gospel We Share

Ephesians 1:13-14

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John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

A. What the Word says about the Gospel

1. We believe the Gospel because it is sure

a. It's sure because it's in Him

"Faith is not believing that I am saved; it is believing in order to be saved."

T. Croskery

"Most people don't hear God's voice, because they have already decided they don't want to hear what He has to say."

A.W. Tozer

b. It's sure because it requires listening

listening – *akouo* - to hear God's voice which prompts Him to birth faith within

Romans 10:17

So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

message – *logos* – word

2. We believe the Gospel because it saves

Colossians 1:5

because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the word of truth, the gospel

gospel - *euaggelion*

eu - good or well

aggelion - message (comes from *aggelos*)

salvation – *soteria* - God's rescue which delivers believers out of destruction and into His safety.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

"Faith accepts Christ under three gracious aspects: "Christ for us", for our justification; "Christ in us," for our sanctification; "Christ with us," for comfort and confidence."

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3. We believe the Gospel because it seals

you were sealed - Aorist Indicative Passive

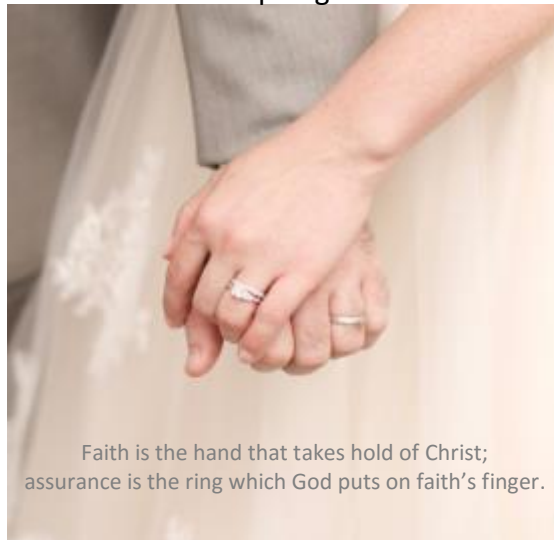
Sealing implies the direct contact of the seal with the thing sealed, and an impression made by it.

Seals are not meant to be hidden.



promise – *epaggelia* - officially sanctioned promise (from root word aggelos)

pledge – *arrabón* - full security backed by the purchaser who supplies sufficient proof they will fulfill the entire pledge



Faith is the hand that takes hold of Christ;
assurance is the ring which God puts on faith's finger.

Ephesians 1:14 (NLT)

The Spirit is God's guarantee that He will give us the inheritance He promised and that He has purchased us to be His own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him.

B. What the world says about the Gospel

1. LIE: The Gospel is “only for a few”
2. LIE: The Gospel is “God Loves You”
But God’s love does not negate His holiness.
3. LIE: The Gospel is “Everyone goes to heaven. God will not let anyone go to hell.”

Matthew 25:41-46

Then He will also say to those on His left, “Depart from Me, accursed ones, into the eternal fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry, and you gave me nothing to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave Me nothing to drink; I was a stranger, and you did not invite Me in; naked, and you did not clothe Me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit Me.”

Then they themselves also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not take care of You?’ Then He will answer them, “Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ These will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

4. LIE: The Gospel is “being a good person”
Romans 3:23
For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.
5. LIE: The Gospel is “not secure. You can loose your salvation.”

C. What we should say about the Gospel

1. We must accept it first
 - A**dmit you are sinner.
 - B**elieve in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, that He came and died for you. He was buried and rose again the third day.
 - C**onfess with your mouth.
2. Surrender your life to Him
3. Tell others you are a believer by:
 - a. Living like you are saved
 - b. Telling others the good news
 - c. Leaving a legacy for others to follow



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