

The Gospel Message Explained.

The Gospel calls people to believe in Jesus Christ and then act on their belief by receiving Him as Lord and Savior.

Jesus demonstrated the power and authority of the Kingdom through his miracles, teachings, and actions. How should Christians demonstrate the power and authority of the Kingdom?

[Act 2:22 KJV] 22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know:

If we are saved, sanctified, and Filled with the Holy Spirit

Why does the devil still mess with us and attack us?

We can fall from grace

We can be distracted in our service to the Lord

Satan can affect our worship and our prayer life

We need to be reminded often

[Jhn 14:12 KJV] 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that believeth on me**, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

We don't need great faith, we need faith in a Great God

We don't need to possess our faith, we need to be possessed by our faith

[Heb 2:4 KJV] 4 God also bearing [them] witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?

How do we demonstrate the power and the authority He has given us?

[Gal 3:5 KJV] 5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, [doeth he it] by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

[Rom 10:17 KJV] 17 So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

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Text: [1Co 15:51-58 KJV] 51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal [must] put on immortality. 54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory? 56 The sting of death [is] sin; and the strength of sin [is] the law. 57 But thanks [be] to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Overview

Why is it so important to share the Gospel Message?

The Resurrection of Jesus is at the Core of the Gospel Message?

Be Steadfast and Immoveable, Always Abounding in the Work of the Lord

How did Jesus present the Gospel Message?

Why do we need to be reminded of the Gospel Message?

Why is the Gospel Message so Important?

He has entrusted us to share the Gospel Message.

If not now, when?

If not us, who?

The Resurrection of Jesus Validates the success of Jesus in paying our penalty

The resurrection of Jesus Christ validates His sacrifice for sin, removing sin's sting. "O Death, where is your sting?" (1 Corinthians 15:55). Eternal life replaces sin's sting for all who believe in the Lord Jesus. "The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Such victorious grace stirs gratitude in the hearts of the redeemed. "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

People need to know Eternal Salvation is beyond their abilities to attain but not beyond their reach.

[1Co 15:50 KJV] 50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

The Resurrection is at the core of the Gospel message?

[Act 2:23-24, 27 KJV] 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. ... 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

What if the Resurrection did not happen?

[1Co 15:14, 17, 20 KJV] 14 And if Christ be not risen, then [is] our preaching vain, and your faith [is] also vain. ... 17 And if Christ be not raised, your faith [is] vain; ye are yet in your sins. ... 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead, [and] become the firstfruits of them that slept.

Other Religious Leaders who founded leading world religions are dead.

Muhammad is dead

Joseph Smith (founder of Mormonism) is dead

Gautama Budha is dead

Charles Taze Russell (founder of Jehovah

Confucius is dead

Witnesses) is dead

All of them are believers now.

Showing God's Power. Be Steadfast and Unmovable and always abounding

Steadfast: Firm in belief, determination, or adherence. Loyal

[Col 2:5-7 KJV] 5 For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ. 6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, [so] walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.

[Dan 6:26 KJV] 26 I make a decree, That in every dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he [is] the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom [that] which shall not be destroyed, and his dominion [shall be even] unto the end.

Bob Hoekstra: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast." It is the will of God that our lives be marked by steadfastness (constancy and stability). Paul rejoiced concerning fellow believers who manifested such attributes: "rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ" (Colossians 2:5). He later added that they were to be "rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith" (verse 7).

Immovable: [Eph 4:14 KJV] 14 That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Paul didn't let challenges move him: [Act 20:22-24 KJV] 22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: 23 Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. 24 But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Bob Hoekstra: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be... immovable." Our heavenly Father also wants us to be "immovable" (firmly persistent, unable to be swayed). Paul was a good example of this. Although he faced many threatening difficulties, he professed: "But none of these things move me" (Acts 20:24). When Paul wrote to the saints at Ephesus, he warned of another threat to spiritual persistency: "that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine" (Ephesians 4:14).

Always Abounding: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be...always abounding in the work of the Lord."

[Tit 2:14 KJV] 14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Living by God's Grace helps us.

Bob Hoekstra: Yes, living by grace will produce abounding good works. The glorious fact is that such labors are actually the Lord at work in and through us: "always abounding in the work of the Lord." As the Lord sustains His work within us, we can grow in a certainty that this kind of laboring will be effective: "knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

Our Lord wants us to be abundantly laboring with Him. This is one of the purposes of Jesus' redemptive work for us: "Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works" (Titus 2:14).

Why did God choose us to present the Gospel Message?

We all have a choice. There is a decision to be made.

Humble People pack more decision power than angels.

[Deu 30:19-20 KJV] 19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, [that] I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: 20 That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, [and] that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he [is] thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

God's Mercy and Grace is on full display in us.

God chooses people to proclaim the Gospel to demonstrate his grace and power, and to involve humanity in his plan of salvation, rather than angels, allowing for a more personal and meaningful experience of faith.

God's word is in my heart and in my mouth. The Lord has set before us life and death, it is up to us to make the choice. This is not a one-time choice. If choosing life was a one-time choice, Satan would never bother us once we made the choice to Serve Christ .

A Look at How Jesus presented the Gospel Message?

Our Leader set the example for us to follow.

[Mar 1:14-15 KJV] 14 Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, 15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

His Demonstration of Power and Authority

Healing the Sick

Matthew 8:1-4: Jesus cleanses a leper.

Matthew 9:1-8: He heals a paralytic, demonstrating his authority to forgive sins.

Casting out Demons

Luke 8:26-39: Jesus casts out demons from a man possessed, showcasing his power over evil spirits.

[Mar 1:23-28 KJV] 23 And there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, 24 Saying, Let [us] alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. 25 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. 26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. 27 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What thing is this? what new doctrine [is] this? for with authority commandeth he even the unclean spirits, and they do obey him. 28 And immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee.

His authority over death.

John 11:1-44: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead, a powerful demonstration of his authority over death.

His Authority over Time

[Jhn 8:58 KJV] 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.

His power over Nature

[Mar 6:48 KJV] 48 And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them.

The Holy Spirit gives us power and authority.

[Act 3:6 KJV] 6 Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.

[Jhn 14:12 KJV] 12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater [works] than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

[Jhn 14:12 NLT] 12 "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

Jesus demonstrated the power and authority of the Kingdom through his miracles, teachings, and actions. He proved he had power over demons, time, sickness, nature's laws

Jesus, Expert Communicator

Jesus presented the Kingdom of God as both a present reality and a future hope, emphasizing its arrival through his ministry and teachings, while also highlighting the need for repentance and faith to enter it.

Why do we need to be reminded of the Gospel Message?

When we are reminded the resurrection power raised Jesus from the dead and that same power raised him to the right hand of the Father, we can be lifted out of any situation in our minds or in our surroundings.

Spiritual Victory

The resurrection of Jesus Christ brings spiritual victory over sin and death to all who believe in Him. "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." As we allow the Lord to be our guide through each day, He "leads us in triumph in Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:14). When this process is unfolding, an effective Christian life is developing, by the grace of God at work in us.

A prayer from Bob Hoekstra: Lord God of mercy, I praise You for Your abundant mercy toward me. I thank You for new birth. I am especially grateful for living hope. I now ask You to work in the dead aspects of my life. Lord, You know what areas of my heart are lifeless. You see the circumstances that are killing me. Raise my heart to new vitality. Lift me above circumstantial living, through the reality of the resurrection of Your Son, Amen.

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