

I. WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

- A. Euangelion: Greek - good news or good tidings.
- B. Good News about Jesus Christ.
 - 1. Without Christ the world would be lost. (Jn 3:16)
 - 2. Jesus death on the Cross brought salvation. (Col 1:12-14)
- C. The gospel and the cross are one in the same.
 - 1. Can't preach one without the other.
 - 2. When Paul preached cross - he preached gospel. (I Cor 2:1-2, 15:1-4)
- D. The gospel is God's way of speaking to us today.
 - 1. God has spoken through his son Jesus. (Heb 1:1-2)
 - a. No more to we go to the old law to know God's will. (Gal 3:13)
 - b. Old Law is just given us for encouragment. (Rom 15:4)
 - c. God has given us a better covenant. (Heb 8:6)
 - 2. We must obey Jesus Christ.
 - a. His words will judge us. (Jn 12:47-48, II Tim 4:1-2)
 - b. The gospel will be the Judge's standard.
- E. The gospel is God's Power to save.
 - 1. Power of God unto salvation. (Rom 1:15-17)
 - a. Therein is the righteousness of God revealed to all.
 - b. We know God through the gospel. ***
 - 1. We know God thru Jesus. (Jn 14:7, 15:15, 17:6, 25-26, Lk 10:22)
 - 2. We know Jesus thru his words. (Mt 7:21-23, Jn 20:30-31)
 - 3. Therefore we know God thru Jesus words.
 - 2. World may consider it foolish. (I Cor 1:17-18)
- F. No wonder then that Jesus told his disciples to go preach.
 - 1. Since we know Jesus and God thru the gospel we must hear it.
 - 2. Jesus gave the great commission. (Mk 16:15-16)
 - a. Must believe it.
 - b. Must be baptized.
 - 3. They were to preach the words of Jesus. (Mt 28:18-20)
 - a. Teach believers to observe all things.
- G. The Gospel is the Word of God and must guide our lives.
 - 1. Not by bread alone but by the word of God. (Matt 4:4)
 - 2. God's word is powerful. Framed the worlds. (Heb 11:3)
 - 3. God's word is powerful. Sharp. (Heb 4:12-13)
 - 4. God's word keeps the world in place. (II Pet 3:1-7)
 - 5. God's word is the gospel. Born again by it. (I Pet 1:22-25)

*Nothing can compair to God's word. There is nothing like it. It is all powerful and can save us. Sometimes we get down on the gospel and thik it does no good to preach it. But it is still as powerful today as it ever was.

- II. The Apostles did not preach their own words - gospel.
 - A. Paul received his ministry from the Lord. (Acts 20:24)
 - B. Peter received his from seeing Jesus. (II Pet 1:16-21)
 - C. All who preach must do so as of God. (I Pet 4:11)