

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST - 4 THINGS IT CONSISTS OF.

Introduction: The gospel is the most powerful thing on earth. It can change the hard heart and save the lost. Composed of 4 major things.

I. FACTS:

- A. While the bible is not just a book of facts, and though it is really a book of faith, it is factual and historical.
- B. The gospel contains facts so we might believe. (Jn 20:30-31, 21:25)
- C. Well known scholars support the bible by historical evidence.
 - 1. Old Testament.
 - 2. New Testament.
 - 3. Jesus really lived.
 - 4. Luke's writing correct.
- D. Examples of accuracy of the New Testament.
 - 1. Rom 16:23 - Erastus of Corinth - his name found in 1929 excavation.
 - 2. Acts 21:28 - Excavations reveal inscriptions to confirm this.
 - 3. More proof of NT than any other ancient manuscripts or writers.
- E. Paul viewed Christ's Death, Burial, Resurrection as historical.
 - 1. Gives eyewitness accounts. (I Cor 15:1-11)
 - 2. Corinthians could check it out for themselves.

II. COMMANDS:

- A. Once facts are learned and believed, obedience of commands is next.
- B. Bible contains many commands, duties, and obligations. (Mk 16:15-16)
- C. Must obey all that Jesus said. (Matt 28:19-20)
- D. Some examples found in NT. (Epistles - written to give commands.)
 - 1. Live pure lives. (Jas 1:27, Eph 5:1-7)
 - 2. Must worship correctly. (Jn 4:24)
 - 3. Must not forsake worship services. (Heb 10:25, Acts 2:42, Mt 6:33)
 - 4. Dress modestly. (I Tim 2:9-12)
 - 5. Women must have uncut hair. (I Cor 11:1-16)
 - 6. Men to be good husbands. (Eph 5)
 - 7. Women to be submissive. Keepers at home. (Eph 5)
 - 8. All are to help others. (Gal 6:10)

III. PROMISES:

- A. Along with responsibility comes blessings.
- B. Examples of promises in the New Testament.
 - 1. Salvation. (Acts 4:12)
 - 2. Able to pray to God.
 - 3. All things work for good. (Rom 8:28)
 - 4. He will never forsake us. (Heb 13:5-6)
 - 5. Judgement. (Heb 9:27)
 - 6. Resurrection. (Rev 1:7, Jn 6:28-29)
 - 7. Crown of life for the faithful. (II Tim 4:7)

IV. WARNINGS:

- A. With the good comes God's warnings as well.
- B. Some examples of warnings found in the Gospel.
 - 1. Must be doers of the word. (Matt 7:22-23)
 - 2. Must not be disobedient. (Deut 4:2, Prov 30:6, Rev 22:18)
 - 3. Judgement is coming to all. (II Thes 1:7-9)

Conclusion: God's word, the gospel, the bible, will judge us. We must believe the facts, obey the commands, enjoy the promises, and heed the warnings.