

## **THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST**

Here is a schedule of the next three months of Wednesday night bible studies.

- **December**            **The Miraculous Birth**
- **January**            **The Mystery of Marriage**
- **February**           **The Memoirs of a Family** (family dinner each Wednesday - 5:45-6:45pm)

For the last seven weeks, we have studied the following seven CA Doctrines under the principle of biblical apologetics: propitiation, grace, repentance, positional truth, unlimited atonement, divine forgiveness, and the gospel of Christ.

The salvation message of both the Old Covenant and the New Covenant is the same – The Gospel of Christ.

**Prophetic gospel of Christ of Old Covenant** - “And the Scriptures, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand (proeuggelizomai) to Abraham, saying, ‘All the nations shall be blessed in You.’” (Gal.3:8) (Rom.1:1-4)

**Historical gospel of Jesus Christ of New Covenant** - “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, because your faith is being proclaimed throughout the whole world.” (Rom.1:8) “For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jews and also to the Greek.” (Rom.1:16)

Yet the gospel of Christ is one of the most distorted doctrines throughout biblical history.

“I am amazed that you are so quickly **deserting** Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a **different** gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are **disturbing** you, and want to **distort** the gospel of Christ.” (Gal.2:6-7)

Therefore Paul encourages spiritual advancing believers to become DEFENDERS OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST (apologia tou euaggelion) - “I am appointed for (eis+acc of divine purpose) the defense of the gospel.” (Phil.1:16)

<b>This lesson will study FIVE aspects of the defending the Gospel of Christ.</b>
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**1. Jesus warned that the need to defend the gospel of Christ would always be necessary to the generation of a spiritual declining nations (Luke 21:10-18).**

- Can you find some things to expect?
- Can you find some promises to expect?
- Can you find some people to expect to persecute you?

**2. Peter and Paul explained the both the ordeal and the award that come from defending the gospel of Christ.**

Note some mental attitudes associated with defending the gospel of Christ by Peter (1 Pet.3:14-16).

Note some promises associated with defending the gospel of Christ by Paul (2 Tim.4:6-8).

### 3. It takes little correct biblical information to be saved but a lot to become a defender of the gospel of Christ.

It takes correct message of the gospel of Christ is stated in 1 Cor.15:1-4. "In the NT, Jesus Himself is the euaggelizomenos. He Himself is the content of His message." (TD of NT, 712)

It takes correct mechanic of grace salvation by the gospel of Christ in Rom.1:16.

It takes the correct meaning of the gospel of Christ to be secured in grace salvation (Eph.2:8-9; John 10:28- 30).

The power of persuasion is **the truth** of the gospel of Christ (John 8:31-32; 2 Cor.2:4-5).

"For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake." (1 Thess.1:5)

### 4. The chief enemy of the gospel of Christ is Satan (2 Cor.4:3-4; 2 Tim.1:10).

- **Veil gospel** (kalupto / perf.p.ptc) concealed so no trace.
- **Perishing** (apollumi / p.p.ptc) John 3:15-16 (1 of 13 judicial charges of AOS)
- **Blinded minds** (tuphloo / a.a.ind) might not see clearly (augazo / a.a.infin)  
What would be one reason that some can see the light of the sun and other cannot see it?
- **Unbelieving ones** (apistos) Spiritual blindness is not in the nature of the gospel of Christ but in the nature of unbelieving.

Satan distorts the message and mechanic and meaning of the gospel of Christ's grace salvation (Gal.1:6-9; 2:7, 16; 5:10; Acts 15:24; Matt.13:19).

### 5. As defenders of the gospel of Christ, we will experience undeserved suffering (2 Tim.2:8-9; Phil.1:12, 15-20, 27; 2 Cor.11:23-28).

"Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering (sunkakopatheo / a.a.impv.) for the gospel according to the power of God." (2 Tim.1:8)

It is part of the spiritual armor of every church age believer (Eph.6:15; Rom.10:5).