

Lesson 85 Answers and Comments

Pamphylia	life	servant	labor
John	will	hands	vain
Departing	rich	ministered	
Partaker	temptation	necessities	
Afflictions	snare	continue	
Gospel	love	Preach	
Terrified	money	instant	
Adversaries	coveted	weary	
Given	erred	well	
Suffer	faith	doing	
Sake	killed	reap	
Afflictions	prophets	faint	
Appointed	down	weary	
Suffer	altars	well	
Tribulation	alone	doing	
Persecutions	seek	ministry	
Tribulations	life	faint	
Shall	die	not	
Suffer	enough	reaching	
Persecution	away	ahead	
Sufferings	life	press	
Present	labour	mark	
Time	working	Mark	
Endure	reviled	profitable	
Hardness	persecuted	me	
Soldier	defamed	ministry	
Entangleth	filth	steadfast	
Affairs	offscouring	unmoveable	

Knowing that, “we are labourers together with God,” should cause us to press on in the work. We are not simply labourers for God but with God. God has given to his people the great privilege and responsibility to labor with Him. I think of what the Lord said in Matt. 9:37, “Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few;”

Not much has changed in the age of grace in which we live. The labourers are still few, and many of the few end up quitting. In Eph. 2:10 we read, “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.”

As God’s workmanship we should walk in good works. It’s God’s plan! Fight the good fight, finish the course and keep the faith.

Lesson 86 Pitfall of Another Gospel

Gal. 1:6, "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel."

One of the greatest pitfalls for believers is found in this verse. Paul marvels at how quickly the Galatian believers had departed from the gospel of the grace of Christ unto "another gospel". I am amazed at how many believers insist that there is but one gospel preached in the Bible. From this verse alone it should be evident that there is more than one gospel.

First of all, what does gospel mean? Paul uses the word gospel some 75 times in his epistles. It's interesting that the word gospel is found only about 15 times in the four gospels.

Paul tells us right away in Rom. 1:1 that he was _____ unto the _____ of God. Paul goes on to say in Rom. 1:11 that it was his goal to establish the saints at Rome and how would he do that? Rom. 1:15, "So as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the _____ to you that are in Rome also."

Paul is writing to saved people but he wants to establish them with the gospel. In Rom. 10:16 Paul says "But they have not all obeyed the _____ ..." And in vs. 17 we read "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the _____ of _____. Paul links "gospel" in these verses with the "word of God".

Again in II Tim. 2:8,9 we find "Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to my _____: Wherein I suffer trouble as an evil doer, even unto bonds; but the _____ of _____ is not bound." Again, "gospel" and "word of God" are linked together. In verse 8 we saw that the "gospel" Paul talked about included information about why Christ was raised from the dead.

Paul defines gospel again for us in Gal. 1:11, 12 "But I certify you, brethren, that the _____ which was preached of _____ is not after man. Vs. 12 For I neither _____ it of _____, neither was I _____ it, but by the _____ of _____." Then in vs. 15 & 16 he goes on to further explain what this revelation was. Vs. 15 But when it pleased God, who _____ me from my mother's womb, and _____ me by his grace, vs. 16 To _____ his _____ in me, that I might preach _____ among the heathen..."

God's revealed truth to Paul is all about revealing the person and work of Jesus Christ as He now is to be known in the dispensation of the Grace of God. This is Paul's gospel.

From Rom. 1:1 to Philemon 13 we find Paul using the word "gospel" to refer to the doctrines that make up the mystery truth to which God had separated out Paul to make known.

Paul understands that there were other "gospels" before his and that they were no longer in effect and they were not to be preached.

Gal. 1:8, 9 "But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach _____ unto you than that which _____ have _____ unto you, let him be accursed." Vs. 9 "As we said before, so say I now _____, If any _____ preach _____ unto you than that which we have _____, let him be accursed."

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II Cor. 11:4 “For if he that cometh preacheth _____, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or _____, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.” And what does Paul say of these that do this? Vs. 13 “For such are _____ transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.”

Did you notice in vs. 4 that these false teachers preach another Jesus? Do you remember that Paul’s gospel is all about Christ being revealed to Paul? Paul’s gospel was to reveal this hidden wisdom concerning the Lord Jesus Christ.

The information that Paul was chosen to communicate to the world about the Lord Jesus Christ would ruin and destroy and be so damming to Satan’s plan of evil that God never revealed this wisdom (part of Paul’s gospel) to anyone prior to Paul.

I Cor. 2:7, 8 “But we speak the _____ of _____ in a _____, even the _____, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: vs. 8 Which _____ of the _____ of this world _____: for had they _____ it, they would _____ have the _____ of glory.”

Does this mean that the 12 disciples did not know about Paul’s gospel before Christ revealed it to Paul? YES!! Does this mean that what the 12 preached concerning Jesus Christ was different than what Paul preached? YES!! Does this mean that the gospel of the 12 was a “different gospel” than Paul’s? YES!!

My friend, the gospel that was being preached in Galatia was not some made up message but one that was in the BIBLE! The JESUS that was being preached by the 12 was not some unknown person but the JESUS that had been known in the BIBLE!

In talking to someone recently about there being more than one gospel in the Bible, he said, “you make things so complicated. There’s only one gospel and all God’s spokespeople have preached it.” In showing him that the 12 had been preaching the “gospel of the kingdom” for some time when according to Luke 18:34 when Christ spoke of his death and resurrection. “And _____ of these _____...” He just said, “their gospel was the same gospel as Paul’s.”

When asked if Mark 16:15 & 16 is the same gospel Paul preached his answer was “yes”.

Mark 16:15, “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world and preach the _____ to every creature. Vs. 16 And he that _____ and is _____ shall be _____... vs. 17 And these _____ shall follow them that _____; In my name shall they cast out _____; they shall speak with new _____; vs. 18 They shall take up _____; and if they _____ any _____ thing, it shall _____ them; they shall lay _____ on the _____, and they shall _____.”

The gospel concerning the Lord Jesus Christ during his earthly ministry was not the same gospel as what Paul preached. Remember the verse in II Tim. 2:8 where Paul said that Jesus Christ was raised from the dead according to his gospel? What was the difference in the gospels here?

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When Peter was preaching to the Jews, he reminds them of this truth.

Acts 2:30 “Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would _____ up Christ to _____ on his _____;”

Here we see that David was given a promise that Christ’s resurrection was that David’s seed (Christ) would occupy a throne. All this is what was revealed about Christ as the King of Israel. This is what Peter wants them to remember concerning Christ’s resurrection.

But what does Paul’s gospel say about why Christ was raised from the dead?

Rom. 4:25, “Who (Christ) was delivered for our offences, and was _____ again for our _____.”

According to Paul’s gospel Christ was raised for our justification. The resurrection to us in the age of grace, stands as God’s acceptance of the sacrifice of His Son so that He can be just and now Justifier of all who believe! What a difference concerning Christ and His resurrection in Paul’s gospel.

Dear friend, Christ, as revealed before Paul, was Israel’s Salvation, Deliverer, Messiah, King.

These are wonderful truths of another gospel that we should know and rejoice in and understand but to preach them for our obedience of faith is in direct disobedience to the word of God.

Even the 12 came to realize that “their gospel” was to be limited even though they had been told by the risen Christ to preach it to the whole world.

Gal. 2:7-9, “But contrariwise, when they saw that the _____ of the _____ was _____ unto _____, as the _____ of the _____ was unto _____; vs. 9 And when _____, _____ and _____ who seemed to be pillars... That we should go unto the _____, and they unto the _____.”

Were James, Peter and John disobedient to Christ’s instruction in Matt. 28:19 in now only going to the Jews?

“Go ye therefore, and teach _____, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:” No, the 12 were not disobedient, they just recognized that Paul had the gospel of the Gentiles. They recognized that “their gospel” was Jewish!

Next time we will look at some of the contents of the “gospel” that Paul was separated out to preach. Let us not fall into the pitfall of wresting the scriptures unto our own destruction as Peter warns by preaching another gospel.

Keep Paul’s gospel pure, don’t taint it with “another gospel”.