

Lesson 86 Answers and Comments

Separated	any	believeth	John
Gospel	other	baptized	heathen
Gospel	gospel	saved	circumcision
Gospel	received	signs	all
Word	another	believe	nations
God	Jesus	devils	
Gospel	another	tongues	
Word	gospel	serpents	
God	false	drink	
Gospel	apostles	deadly	
Me	deceitful	not	
Received	workers	hurt	
Man	wisdom	hands	
Taught	God	sick	
Revelation	mystery	recover	
Jesus	hidden	raise	
Christ	wisdom	sit	
Separated	none	throne	
Called	princes	raised	
Reveal	knew	justification	
Son	known	gospel	
Him	not	uncircumcision	
Any	crucified	committed	
Other	Lord	me	
Gospel	they	gospel	
We	understood	circumcision	
Preached	none	Peter	
Again	things	James	
Man	gospel	Cephas	

Christians can be led away unto “another gospel” without even being aware of the error. How often do we hear things like: “Ask Jesus into your heart”, “Turn from your sin and make Jesus Lord of your life”, “Believe in Jesus, repent and be baptized”.

There isn't any power in these “gospels” to save anyone! The gospel that has the power to save is the gospel of Christ. The gospel of Christ is the preaching of the cross, that Christ died on the cross for your sins.

Rom. 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth...”

I Cor. 1:18 “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”

It is only through the gospel that anyone can have spiritual life.

I Cor. 4:15 “...for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

Lesson 87 Content of the Gospel #1

Gal. 2:15, "To whom we gave place by subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you."

It was Paul's great desire that the truth of the gospel might continue with the saints. We know that there was an attempt to erode, change, bring in a false gospel that would usurp the gospel that Paul had preached at Galatia.

Our verse tells us what Paul's approach to this false gospel was. He did not give place by subjection, no, not for an _____. Paul would not yield one iota on his message. He would not entertain another "viewpoint". He would not discuss options to his gospel. He was rigid, uncompromising, unwilling to give way to pressure to conform.

Was Paul unkind, unloving, and unwilling to be peaceable?? No, he was a good soldier, always fighting to keep the gospel of grace (which he received from the risen Christ) pure and free from the contamination of error. Paul was not a stranger to dissension when it came to his message.

Acts 15:2, "When therefore Paul and Barnabas had no _____ and _____ with them..."

Gal. 2:14, "But when I saw that they walked not _____ according to the _____ of the _____, I said to _____ before them..."

Paul knew that a failure to keep the truth of the gospel pure would result in a powerless gospel and a return to the yoke of _____ according to Gal. 5:1.

II Tim. 3:5, "Having a _____ of _____, but _____ the _____ thereof: from such _____."

We should be no less of a "good soldier" fighting the good fight of faith, keeping the gospel pure!

Why was Paul so unyielding when it came to his message, his gospel? Our verse in Gal. 2:5 says, "...that the _____ of the _____ might _____ with you." Paul wanted the truth of the gospel to continue. This week we wanted to study some of the aspects of Paul's gospel. What is the, "truth of the gospel" that we are to be uncompromising about and that God wants to have continue? We will discover that everything in "Paul's gospel has to do with what God revealed to him concerning his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

First and foremost is Paul's gospel concerning soul Salvation.

I Cor. 4:15, "...for in _____ I have _____ you through the _____."

Spiritual life is imparted through the gospel. This verse says that in Christ Jesus these saints were begotten through the gospel. Paul's gospel of salvation concerns faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the one who died on the cross for our sin. The Lord Jesus Christ, whose blood alone was able to satisfy the righteous demands of God against sin.

Rom. 3:25, "Whom (Christ) God has set forth to be a _____ through faith in his _____... vs. 26 To declare, I say, at this time his _____: that he might be _____ and the _____ of him which believeth in _____."

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There is no room for any compromise when it comes to Paul's gospel concerning soul salvation.

Eph. 1:13, "In whom(Christ) ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the _____ of _____: in whom also after that ye _____, ye were _____ with that holy Spirit of promise,"

I Cor. 15:1-4, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the _____ which I preached unto you, which also ye received, and wherein ye _____; vs. 2 By the which also ye are _____, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. Vs. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that _____ for our _____ according to the scriptures; vs. 4 And that he was _____, and that he _____ again the third day according to the scripture."

Paul's gospel of salvation centers in Christ and the cross.

I Cor. 2:2, "For I determined not to know anything among you, save _____ and him _____."

I Cor. 1:17, 18 "...but to preach the _____: not with wisdom of words, lest the _____ of _____ should be made of none effect." Vs. 18 "For the preaching of the _____..."

I Cor. 1:23, "But we preach _____..."

I want to camp out here in this passage (I Cor. 15) for a moment. There is something in verse 2 of I Cor. 15 that is somewhat puzzling to me. Paul, speaking in vs. 1 tells us that the people he is addressing received and stand in the gospel. So we can say that he is speaking here to believers. In vs. 2 he goes onto say, "By which (the gospel) ye are _____..." Is he reiterating what he's already said in vs. 1? If he's speaking of soul salvation again in vs. 2 then what does the rest of vs. 2 mean? "...if ye _____ in _____ what I preached unto you, unless ye have _____ in _____."

I hope you enjoy pondering these questions as much as I do. If Paul is speaking of soul salvation then it seems that keeping something in memory is a condition to soul salvation, for to not keep in memory would be to have believed in vain or for nought. What believing could be in vain? Our soul salvation believing? Since no verse is of any _____ according to II Pet. 1:20 we must consider this before we jump to any conclusions as to what Paul is saying in I Cor. 15:2.

Earlier in this lesson we read Eph. 1:13 "sealed with the Holy Spirit." Rom. 8:31-39 gives us ample info on this subject also. As does Phil. 1:6, Col. 2:10, II Cor. 5:21, II Tim. 2:13, Eph. 2:8, 9, I Cor. 1:8 just to list a few. So we conclude from the volume of the verses on the security of the believer that our soul salvation is not in any jeopardy. So then, what is being referred to in I Cor. 15:2?

In I Cor. 15 vs. 3 and 4 we have the message of the gospel that was delivered to Paul and that he preached and that the Corinthians received and stood in. If we read the rest of I Cor. 15 what subject does Paul concentrate on? _____ If you said the resurrection you are right! What seemed to be in question with the saints at Corinth? Vs. 12 "Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that _____ is no _____ of the _____?"

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I'm wondering if Paul is referring in vs. 2, not to soul salvation but salvation from the despair and hopelessness that could accompany the idea of their being no resurrection. I believe vs. 3 and 4 are the gospel that they received and stood in (soul salvation) in vs. 1 but perhaps in vs. 2 Paul is adding something else. A salvation from the despair that would indeed be lost or "in vain" if they did not keep in memory the blessed truths of the gospel Paul had preached concerning Christ's resurrection! Does this make sense to you? If you think otherwise send me your understanding of vs. 2.

I know we got sidetracked for a moment but we're in no hurry! Praise God for this part of Paul's gospel concerning Christ and His cross for our soul salvation! And also the part concerning Christ and His resurrection and the salvation from the hopelessness that would come if we failed to keep it in memory.