

Lesson 90 Answers and Comments

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| Fellowship | provoking | hinder |
| Gospel | envying | gospel |
| Fellow | see | gospel's |
| Ship | absent | first |
| Confident | hear | now |
| Good | affairs | confirm |
| Work | becometh | end |
| Perform | gospel | blameless |
| Stand | together | God |
| Mind | seek | faithful |
| Striving | own | called |
| Together | things | fellowship |
| Faith | Jesus | |
| Gospel | Christ's | |
| Given | know | |
| Believe | proof | |
| Suffer | son | |
| His | father | |
| Sake | served | |
| Fast | gospel | |
| Mind | proof | |
| Striving | faithful | |
| Conversation | minister | |
| Strife | fellowlaborer | |
| Vainglory | gospel | |
| Not | establish | |
| Vain | comfort | |
| Glory | suffer | |

As a partaker of the grace revealed by Paul in his gospel we are in the fellowship of the gospel. There is a conversation that becomes that gospel. It is one of standing fast, having one mind and striving together. I don't know many of you that receive or download this study. I have never seen your face. But I rejoice and thank God that we are forever joined in the fellowship of the gospel.

Let us pray that our conversation will indeed "become" the gospel as we let the life of Christ be magnified in our bodies.

Lesson 91 Obedience to the Gospel

II Thes. 1:8 “In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

The gospel demands a response. That response according to our verse is _____. Yes, obedience is what God expects from the preaching of the gospel.

Rom. 6:17 “But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, by ye have _____ from the _____ that _____ of _____ which was delivered you”

Rom. 15:18, 19 “...to make the Gentiles _____, by word and deed vs. 19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the _____ of Christ.”

Rom. 16:25, 26 “...according to my _____...vs. 26...made known to all nations for the _____ of _____:”

And Peter speaking to scattered Jewish believes says in I Pet. 4:17 “For the time is come that _____ must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin with us, what shall the _____ be of them that _____ the _____ of God?”

Just what “obedience” does the gospel demand?

Eph. 1:13 “In whom ye also _____, after that ye _____ the word of truth, the _____ of your salvation: in whom also after that ye _____, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.”

Belief, trust is what God expects as an obedient response to the gospel.

Rom. 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the _____ of Christ: for it is the _____ of God unto salvation to _____ one that _____...”

Acts 13:38, 39 “Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the _____ of _____: vs. 39 And by him all that _____ are _____ from _____ things...”

Eph. 2:8, 9 “For by _____ are ye saved through _____...”

God puts great importance on believing His word. It is not something we are not held accountable to.

John 3:18 “He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that _____ is condemned already...”

II Thes. 2:12 “That they all might be _____ who _____ the _____...”

Our verse in II Thes. 1:8, 9 establishes that the judgment and wrath of God will be on those that obey (believe) not the gospel. Vs. 9 Who shall be _____ with _____ from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;”

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The gospel doesn't just demand a response of obedience (belief) but the gospel itself gives the power, it enables, it sheds the light in the heart of the sinner that can produce the response of belief! God would not expect a response of believing the gospel if He didn't enable the gospel to produce it.

II Cor. 4:3, 4 “vs. 4...lest the _____ of the glorious _____ of Christ, who is the image of God, should _____ unto them.”

Rom. 10:16, 17 “But they have not all _____ the _____. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath _____ our report? Vs. 17 So then _____ cometh by _____, and _____ by the _____ of _____.

Hearing the word of God, the gospel, is what brings faith.

Rom. 1:16 tells us that the gospel is God's _____ unto salvation.

Sometimes we put the responsibility for believing on our persuasiveness or our explanation or our presentation. God says that His word is where the power to believe comes from. Let us rely on the word of God just as God does to get the job done!

All do not obey or believe the gospel.

In Acts 28:24 after Paul speaks to the chief Jews out of the scriptures, he says in vs. 24 “And some _____ the things which were spoken, and some _____.”

Acts 17:32-34 “And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some _____: and others said, We will _____ thee _____ of this matter. Vs. 34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and _____.”

Is there a danger in hearing the gospel and rejecting it's call to believe? In Acts 28:25-27 Paul, speaking to the Jews reminds them of what Esaias the prophet had said, vs. 27 “For the _____ of this people is waxed _____, and their _____ are _____ of _____, and their _____ have they _____; lest they should see with their _____, and _____ with their _____, and _____ with their _____, and should be converted, and I should heal them.”

Rejecting God's word creates a hardness in one's heart.

In Ex. 8:32, 9:7, 9:34 and other places we find that Pharaoh _____ his heart. In Ex. 10:1 we read “And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for _____ have _____ his _____.” We see that Pharaoh hardened his heart and God hardened Pharaoh's heart. God hardened Pharaoh's heart simply by giving him His Word. Pharaoh hardened his heart by rejecting God's word. Rom. 9:17-24 speaks to this point. Some have read these verses and try to incriminate God! “See, God is unfair!” But rather God's righteousness is seen here. God knew before that Pharaoh had a heart of unbelief as expressed in Ex. 5:2 “And Pharaoh said, Who is the _____, that I should _____ his _____ to let Israel go? I know _____ the LORD, will I _____ Israel go.”

It was God's voice, His Word that revealed Pharaoh's heart of unbelief. God is not capricious or preventing men from believing.

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It is foolish and unwise to resist the gospel.

Rom. 2:4, 5 says "Or _____ thou the _____ of his _____ and _____ and _____; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to _____? Vs. 5 But after thy _____ and _____ heart treasureth up unto thyself _____ against the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God."

God's longsuffering of this world's rejection and unbelief is an evidence of His love and mercy and great desire for people to obey the gospel and be saved!

II Peter 3:15 "And account that the _____ of our Lord is _____; even as our beloved brother _____ also according the _____ given unto him hath written unto you;" Paul is the one that explains why the wrath of God has not yet been poured out as prophesy declares that it will.

II Cor. 6:2 "...behold, _____ is the accepted time; behold, _____ is the _____ of _____.)"

The gospel calls men everywhere to believe and be saved!

II Thes. 2:14 "Whereunto he _____ you by _____, to the _____ of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You and I who once had fallen short of the glory of God Rom. 3:23, now Rom. 5:2 "...rejoice in hope of the glory of God." Believers are now the possessors of the Glory of God!

Have you obeyed the gospel? If not, don't delay! We've seen that it is unwise to reject God's word and that there is a judgment awaiting all who obey not the gospel.