

The Gospel (good news) of God's word, the Bible

The apostle Paul by inspiration of the Holy Spirit proclaimed a curse on any who would preach a different gospel than he was lead by God to preach. Following is the "gospel" (or "good news") regarding personal salvation and forgiveness of sins preached by the apostle Paul:

Galatians 2:16, 21 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified...I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

Galatians 3:6, 8-9, 11 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness... And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham...But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Galatians 3:22, 26 But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe...For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Paul wrote the same gospel to Titus:

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Paul likewise wrote the same gospel to the Ephesians:

Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Of course, the apostle Paul wrote the identical truth to the Romans:

Romans 4:2-3, 5 For if Abraham were justified by works, he hath whereof to glory; but not before God. For what saith the scripture? Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.... But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Romans 10:9-10, 13 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in

thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation...For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

John preached the same gospel:

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

The Lord Jesus Christ preached the same gospel:

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

A multitude of additional verses from the Bible could be added to the above, all consistently teaching that personal salvation from our sins is brought about

solely by faith in the finished work of our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:19 "For as by one man's disobedience [*Adam*] many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one [*Jesus Christ*] shall many be made righteous."

A one verse commentary on this subject:

II Cor 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

The "Gospel" of Mormonism

The following "other gospel" is a quote from a Mormon pamphlet entitled, **"What Mormons Think of Christ,"** (Printed by the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints," 1976) page 22:

"Christians speak often of the blood of Christ. Much that is believed and taught on this subject, however, is such utter nonsense and so palpably false that to believe it is to lose one's salvation. For instance, many believe or pretend to believe that if we confess Christ with our lips and avow that we accept him as our personal Savior, we are thereby saved. They say that His blood without any other act than mere belief, makes us clean." (*Please see again, God's word in Romans 10:9-13 quoted above.*)

In this same Mormon pamphlet, the following is found on page 23:

"Salvation in the kingdom of God is available because of the atoning blood of Christ. But it is received only on condition of faith, repentance, [water] baptism, and enduring to the end by keeping the commandments of God."

Lest there be any doubt about the Mormon "gospel" being an "other gospel" and therefore those who subscribe to it are "cursed," note the following from the, so-called, scriptures of Mormonism.

"And now, my beloved brethren, I know by this that unless a man shall endure to the end, in following the example of the Son of the living God, he cannot be saved...For the gate by which ye should enter is repentance and baptism by water...And then are ye in this straight and narrow path which leads to eternal life...And now, my beloved brethren, after ye have gotten into this straight and narrow path, I would ask if all is done? Behold, I say unto you, Nay...Wherefore, ye must press forward...if ye shall press forward, feasting upon the word of Christ, and endure to the end...Ye shall have eternal life." (2Nephi 31:16-21)

"And that you be firm in keeping the commandments wherewith I

have commanded you; and if ye do this, behold I grant unto you eternal life, even if you should be slain." (D&C 5:22)

"And, if you keep my commandments and endure to the end you will have eternal life, which gift is the greatest of all the gifts of God." (D&C 14:7)

"If thou shalt do good, yea, and hold out faithful to the end, thou shalt be saved in the kingdom of God, which is the greatest of all the gifts of God; for there is no gift greater than the gift of salvation." (D&C 6:13)

The last two references are self-contradicting statements. If a person must work for something, it is not a gift! Note the clear refutation of the above false statements by God, through the apostle Paul, in the book of Romans:

Romans 11:6, "And if by grace, then is it no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace. But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work."

Numerous references from Mormon materials could be cited to prove that their "gospel" is of works, contrary to the gospel preached in the word of God, the Bible.

The Bible clearly teaches the good news of salvation by grace through faith in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ in our place (That is why He is our SAVIOUR!) OR there is the Mormon curse of the requirement of your own good works added to the work of Christ in order to save you...you are making the choice! Choose wisely, your eternal destiny is at stake.

You have the choice of receiving the Lord Jesus Christ of the Bible as your personal Saviour simply by faith (*and thereby instantly receiving eternal life as a gift from God*) OR you may willfully attempt to obtain salvation by faith plus your own human works (*and thus be under the curse of God*).

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"But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, LET HIM BE ACCURSED" (Galatians 1:8)