

HOW MANY GOSPELS?

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INTRODUCTION

- A. Meaning of the term "Gospel".
 - 1. Today = equals Truth or True.
 - 2. Something declared to be gospel, means that it is true.
 - B. A "catch all" term for any idea presented about Christ
 - C. Where did the term "gospel" come from?
 - 1. The Word: *Evangel*, used in Evangelist or Evangelism.
 - 2. Can be translated:
 - a. Good News
 - b. Good Tidings.
 - D. It has a distinct Christian connotation.
 - 1. Used more than 75 times in New Testament.
 - 2. It is the **Good News** that God in Christ has fulfilled His promise.
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USED TWO WAYS

- A. Of the basic facts of the death, burial and resurrection of Christ (I Cor. 15:1ff)
 - 1. That Christ came suffered and died and was raised from the dead.
 - 2. By the power of God...for the salvation man.
 - B. It is also used as the interpretation of these facts (Rom. 2:16; 1:16; Gal. 1:7).
 - C. In one, the Gospel is viewed historically. In Two doctrinally, with reference to the interpretation of the facts.
 - D. How is I Cor. 15:1-3...Good News. ?
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CAME FROM...

- A. Where did THE GOSPEL come from?
 - 1. *For I make known to you, brethren, as touching the gospel which was preached by me, that it is not after man. For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus Christ.* (Gal. 1:11,12).
 - 2. In the fulness of time..made known by God..the gospel of our salvation in Christ (Eph. 1).
 - 3. By the power of the Holy Spirit (I Thess. 1:5).
 - B. Heb. 1:1-3.....how God spoke in times past....now through His Son.
 - 1. Heb. 2:1-3...How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? Which having at the first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard."
 - 2. II Pet. 1:20,21...men spoke from God being moved by the Holy Spirit.
 - 3. II Tim. 4:1ff >>>preach the word
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A. How Many Gospels Are There?

1. Always used in the singular...never plural.
2. Use of the term “gospels” to designate Mat. Mk. Lk. And Jn. Did not come into used until the 2nd century.
3. How many death, burial and resurrections of Christ are there.

B. HOW MANY FAITHS ARE THERE?

1. Man says:
 - a. Your faith, my faith
 - b. In fact many faiths.
 2. God says:
 - a. Rom. 10:17 faith comes of hearing.
 - b. The word of Christ or the Gospel.
 3. To have “many faiths” you would of necessity have to have “Many Gospels.
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PERVERTED

A. What was the Perverted Gospel in Gal. 1:7?

1. Some say “only false or perverted Gospel is to deny the facts of I Cor. 15:

1-3 that is the life, death, burial and resurrection of Christ.

2. Is that what Paul is referring to?

B. In Context: warns of Jewish teachings.

1. They did not deny the Death, burial and Resurrection of Christ.
2. This they accepted.....BUT

C. The Perverted Gospel Was....

1. Trying to bind upon Christians things from Law of Moses.
2. Circumcision v. 6,7.
3. Denial of Gentiles v. 13,14.

D. Thus A Perverted Gospel is One that is changed in Doctrine.

1. Be it Baptism....Communion or
 2. Worship or Whatever...
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FOR THOUGHT

1. The Gospel of God (Mk. 1:4; Rom. 2:16; 1:15,16.
 2. Of Christ (Rom. 1:9)
 3. Gospel of your Salvation (Eph. 1:13).
 4. Eternal Gospel (Rev. 14:6)
 5. Of Truth (Gal. 2:14).
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PREACH

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- A. PREACH ...JUST THE GOSPEL.
1. This is good....
 2. But is it enough?
- B. PREACHALL OF THE GOSPEL.
1. This is what God demands.
 2. This is what saves the world (Matt. 28; Mark 16).
- C. Substitute BIBLE for word Gospel in the above.
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CONCLUSION

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- A. Mark 16:15,16.
1. To Believe...= Equals Salvation
 2. To Reject....= Equals damnation.
- B. GOSPEL not only comes with Power....I Thess. 1:5.
1. It is THE POWER OF GOD..Romans 1:16.
 2. Reveals the Righteousness of God Rom. 1:16,17.
 3. It is “THE GOSPEL BY WHICH ALSO YE ARE SAVED. I Cor. 15:1.
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