

# Search for Truth

## 9. The Gospel for all the World

### 1. Infallible proofs

Acts 1:3

*Can you imagine the bewilderment and sheer joy of seeing and conversing with someone you believed to be dead? Similar emotions and expressions must have overwhelmed Christ's disciples as they stared in amazement at their risen Lord.*

### Jesus' last command

Luke 24:45-49; Mark 16:15-18;  
Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:4-8

*If you were going on a long trip and were leaving your kids at home, what would be the most important thing you would tell them right before you left? Whatever you do, don't forget to...*

### Disciples go to Jerusalem to wait

Luke 24:49-53

*They readied themselves to wait for the promise. "All continued with one accord in prayer and supplication". When would it happen? How would it feel? How would they know when it arrived? Their uncertainties would soon be answered in a most emphatic manner!*

### 2. Sixth Dispensation—"Grace" (The Church Begins)

*A new door had just opened! A new era; a new experience; a new covenant; a new kingdom; a new dispensation; a new church of "called-out" people of every race and nation.*

*The word "grace" indicates that men can freely enjoy the unmerited, undeserved favor, kindness, and pleasure of God—all*

*because of Calvary. The sin problem was forever settled when Jesus' blood legally redeemed us and He triumphed over death and Satan. The day of Pentecost is the birthday of the church!*

### "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost"

Acts 2:1-4; 13-18

*The moment for which one hundred twenty believers had expectantly waited had come. To onlookers it was simply another Jewish observance—the Feast of Pentecost. Meaning "fiftieth," Pentecost occurs fifty days after Passover. In the Old Testament, it was also known as the Feast of Weeks, the Day of the First fruits, and the Feast of Harvests. A new day, a new era had finally arrived!*

### "Then Peter said unto them"

Acts 2:37-39

*When they asked "what must we do" they were not asking how to join a club. They were asking, "What must we do to be saved!" Peter then Man Jesus gave the keys to the kingdom to open the door for them, and then let them know that this experience is for all men everywhere!*

### 3. "Repent, and believe the gospel"

Mark 1:14-15

Heb 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

*Our approach to God is through belief! If we will have faith and believe in Him, He really rewards us. Believing however is not*

*the end, but the beginning of our new life in Christ Jesus.*

### **What is the Gospel?**

1Corinthians 15:1-4 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. 3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

*We see here that salvation comes through and by the Gospel! Paul describes the Gospel in three basic steps: Christ died, was buried and rose again. So the gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ!*

### **The Gospel must be obeyed!**

2Thessalonians 1:8 In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ:

*To obey something means there are action steps to take! The gospel is the death, burial and resurrection. With that in mind, one would have to ask what steps do I take to obey the Gospel. The gospel is not just the good news that we can be saved it's actually how to be saved!*

### **How do I obey His death?**

Ro 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?

This is called REPENTANCE.

To repent means that we:

- Choose to turn around.
- Surrender our self-will.
- Call upon the name of the Lord.
- Confess and forsake sins.
- Promise to love, serve, and obey Jesus.
- Believe the gospel story of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

Luke 13:3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

### **How do I obey His burial?**

Ro 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

### **4. Old sign—circumcision of flesh**

Genesis 17:13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

### **New sign—circumcision of the heart**

Colossians 2:11-12 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.

*While natural Israelites were circumcised in the flesh, spiritual Israelites are circumcised "in the heart":*

## **Why should I be baptized in water?**

### **Water baptism has a most important part in the plan of salvation.**

Mark 16:16; 1Peter 3:21

*Since God has included water baptism in the plan of salvation, every believer must be baptized. To say that baptism is not necessary for salvation is to speak against God's plan and command.*

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

*The reason we are baptized is for the remission of our sins! To remit means to pay a debt. We all need to have my sins paid for. We must understand that when we repent, God forgives us but the mess is still there. Baptism cleans up the mess.*

## **5. The Covenant Name**

Matthew 28:19

*In this single verse is an important ingredient for salvation overlooked by many sincere believers—the saving name of Jesus! Matthew mentions titles, but no name. All the apostles perfectly obeyed the command...*

### **The “Name” of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

John 5:43; Matthew 1:21; John 14:26

*The one name that is attached to all three titles in the New Testament is Jesus. The name of Jesus is above every other name in heaven, in earth or in hell!*

Php 2:9-10 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

### **Practiced in the Book of Acts**

Acts 2:38-41; 8:16; 10:48; 19:5

*No record is given of any person in the early church being baptized other than “in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.”*

### **Taught in the epistles**

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

*All of the apostles stood together in the book of Acts and preached baptism in the name of Jesus and then continued to preach and practice it throughout the epistles because the name of Jesus is the only saving name.*

### **The only saving Name**

Acts 4:12

*If I was to give you a check for a \$1,000 today, I filled it all out but instead of putting my name at the bottom I put Father, (I am a Father to my children) Son, (I am a son to my parents) and Husband (I am a Husband to my Wife). Would that check be any good? NO! The name is where you get your authority!*

*The Bible puts very heavy emphasis of doing things according to the pattern that God has showed us. Whether that be the tabernacle in the wilderness, Noah's ark or how we are baptized. It should be done according to the pattern!*

**We will cover how to obey His resurrection next week**