

Sunday, January 11, 2009—The World's Most Dangerous Doctrine—The Gospel

Introduction

- Last week we began a new series of studies entitled The World's Most Dangerous Doctrine.
- We looked at three types of bad doctrine:
 - Human View Point—rejects the Bible
 - Uses the Bible but adds human tradition to the Bible
 - Scriptural but not Dispensational—Most Dangerous Doctrine
- Rejecting God's message to you was the most dangerous thing you could do.
- While God is not in the business of opening the earth and swallowing those how reject Pauline authority, there will always be a cost in the spiritual life of your inner man.
- Today we are going to look at cost of being Scriptural but not Dispensation at it relates to the Gospel its self.

An Important Question

- What do you suppose is the most important question some could ask you?
 - What must I do to be saved?
 - How can I have eternal life?
- Acts 16:30—The Philippian Jailor asked Paul this exact question.
 - In verse 31 Paul answers, “believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.”
- What was it about Christ that Paul was instructing the Philippian Jailor to believe? From the Pauline perspective that can only be one answer.
- I Corinthians 15:3-5
- Many people today think that the gospel has always been the same throughout the Scripture, and that is has always centered on the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.
- The problem with this popular perspective is that it fails to take into account the clear fact that there is more than one gospel in the Bible.

- Matthew 19:16—The rich young ruler comes and asks Christ essentially the same questions that the Philippian Jailor asked Paul. In verse 17 Jesus gives a different answer.
- Acts 2:37—The Jews at Pentecost ask Peter the same question. In verse 38 Peter gives a third response that is different yet.
- One might ask the question why are there so many different responses to the same question? The reason is because there is more than one gospel in the Word of God.
- What happens if you get the gospel wrong? You go to hell.

Did the Gospel Always Include the Death, Burial, and Resurrection?

- Matthew 3:1-3—John was preaching the nearness of the kingdom of God. His message was repent because the long prophesied kingdom was now within their reach.
- Matthew 4:17—Jesus was preaching the same message as John
- Matthew 4:23—This message is called the Gospel of the Kingdom, that is the good news about the Kingdom.
- Matthew 1:14-15—When John was teaching that the Kingdom of God was at hand he was preaching the gospel of the Kingdom.
- Matthew 10:5-8—Jesus commissioned the 12 to go out and preach the Gospel of the Kingdom.
- It is also imperative to notice who the Gospel of the Kingdom was being preached to. The nation of Israel.
- By the time you reach Matthew 16 the 12 Apostles had been out with Christ preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom for about 2 years.
- Matthew 16:21-23—Christ only begins to show them the issues surrounding his death, burial, and resurrection.
- Mark 8:31-33
- Therefore it is clear that there was no blood atonement preached in the gospel of the kingdom. Not only do you have a gospel that has nothing to do with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ but it was also to Israel only.

What About After the Cross?

- Luke 24:5-9—It is not until after the fact that Jesus earthly followers comprehend the issue of his resurrection.
- Acts 2:22-30—Remember the following facts about Acts 2.
 - Jewish feast day
 - Peter is speaking to Jews and gentile proselytes to Judaism
 - Peter holds the nation responsible for the death of Christ
 - Peter teaches that Christ was raised from the dead to sit on the throne of David.
- Isaiah 53:1-8—Christ was stricken for Israel only in this prophetic for view of the cross.
- When Christ dies on the cross and was resurrected from the dead in the gospels and in early Acts these events are preached to Israel according to the prophetic purpose of God.
- This explain Peter answer given in Acts 2:38
- Galatians 2:7—Peter message here in Acts 2 is what Paul calls the gospel of the circumcision.

Same Sermon Different Conclusion

- Acts 13:23-39—Notice the similarities this passage has with what we just read in Acts 2. Paul even quotes from the same two Psalms.
- When in Acts 2 does Peter ever offer Israel the forgiveness of sins through the cross work of Christ?
- Paul ends his sermon with a radically different conclusion that Peter did in Acts 2. Paul says that men are justified by faith without the deeds of the law.
- This is the first recorded preaching of Paul's gospel. He is interested in justification not a kingdom.
- Romans 3:21-28
- Ephesians 2:8-9
- I Timothy 2:4-7, 4:10

Conclusion

- Which gospel are you believing?
- Does right division matter?
- Is there a cost associated with failing to recognize Pauline authority?
- The World's Most Dangerous Doctrine is to be Scriptural and not Dispensational