

Simply Christ

Gospel Newsletter

Sharing the simplicity that is in Christ

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The Gospel of Christ

The gospel of Christ is an absolute message. It is the everlasting gospel Revelation 14:6, which means it does not change from generation to generation. It is the record of who Christ is, his purpose for coming into the world, and how he accomplished his mission. The scriptures contain different terms that are synonymous with “the gospel of Christ.” Several of these terms are listed below.

The Faith of Christ – The Faith – The faith of Christ has nothing to do with how much faith Jesus possessed or Jesus somehow believing for us. The faith of Christ is the same as the gospel of Christ. The apostle Paul wrote, “... *we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by THE FAITH OF CHRIST...*” Galatians 2:16. We believe that Jesus is the Christ in order that the power of the gospel of Christ will deliver us from sin and make us righteous. Romans 5:19, that is, justify us. Jude exhorted us to “...*earnestly contend for THE FAITH which was once delivered unto the saints.*” Jude 1:3. Do not settle for anything short of the gospel of Christ that was revealed through the prophets and apostles and recorded in the scripture.

Our Faith - This is not our ability to believe or even how strongly we may believe. “*Our Faith*” is what we believe, therefore if “our faith” is the gospel of Christ, it is the victory that overcomes the world. The apostle John wrote “...*and this is*

the victory that overcometh the world, even OUR FAITH.” | John 5:4. In the next verse John wrote, *“Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?”* Those who believe the gospel of Christ overcome the world.

The Testimony of Jesus Christ – The Word of Our Testimony – The apostle John wrote, *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”* Revelation 12:11. The *“word of their testimony”* is the gospel they preached. It is the weapon they used to overcome the dragon (Satan). Even so, *“the word of our testimony”* must be *“the testimony of Jesus Christ.”* Revelation 1:9. It is the gospel Jesus told us to declare to the entire world. We live in an hour where many identify themselves as “prophets” of God, yet they neither know nor carry the truth of the gospel of Christ. These cannot be “prophets” of God because, as John recorded, *“...the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.”* Revelation 19:10. The *“spirit of Christ”* in the prophets of old, which *“testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow”* | Peter 1:11, now works in the prophets to testify that Jesus is the Christ.

The Truth – Word of Truth – It was Jesus who said, *“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”* John 8:28. The equation ($2 + 2 = 4$) is true, but it will not make you free. *“The truth”* Jesus spoke of is not merely “a truth” or one of many “truths.” You may discover countless “truths” in this life, but these do not qualify as *“the truth.”* *“The truth”* is not a knowledge about yourself. Neither is it something you find through

continuous religious study. You can quote scripture in every sentence you speak and still not know *"the truth."* Paul spoke of those who were *"Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."* II Timothy 3:7. *"The Truth"* Jesus spoke of is the truth about himself. The apostles called it *"...the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation..."* Ephesians 1:13. According to Jesus, those who know *"the truth"* are made free from sin. John 8:32-37.

The Doctrine of Christ – The doctrine of Christ is not just the things Jesus taught. It is the truth about Christ; who he is; why he came; what he accomplished; and how we receive it by faith. The apostle John said, *"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:"* I John 1:9-10.

The gospel of Christ tells us who Christ is:

He is *"the word"* who *"was with God and was God!"* John 1:1.

He is the one by whom *"all things were made."* John 1:3.

He is *"before all things, and by him all things consist."* Colossians 1:17.

He was *"in the form of God,"* but...

He *"...took upon him the form of a servant"* Philippians 2:6-7 and came *"in the likeness of sinful flesh."* Romans 8:3.

The gospel of Christ tells us why Christ came:

He came to *"bruise the head of the serpent"* Genesis 3:15 and *"destroy the works of the devil."* I John 3:8.

He came to *"...to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness..."* Daniel 9:24.

He came to *"take away the sin of the world."* John 1:29.

The gospel of Christ tells us how Christ accomplished his mission:

He *"put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."*
Hebrews 9:26.

He *"sanctified the people with his own blood."*
Hebrews 13:12.

He *"crucified our old man and destroyed the body of sin."* Romans 6:6.

He, *"through death destroyed the devil."* Hebrews 2:14.

The gospel of Christ tells us:

JESUS IS THE CHRIST! Matthew 16:16.