

The Gospel According to the Scriptures NOT the 'Mid-Acts-ers'

What does it mean to 'preach the gospel'? That is what God equipped Jesus to do. God furnished Jesus with the necessary powers for the administration of His Messianic office. Jesus was consecrated, holy, and full of God's Spirit. The scripture He read was fulfilled that day in the hearers' ears (Luke 4:21):

Luke 4:17-18 And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,

18 **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel** to the **poor**;
he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted,
to preach **deliverance** to the captives,
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty them that are bruised,

Jesus read in the scripture from Isaiah 61:1. That verse shows the Hebrew words to be 'good tidings' for the Greek word that Jesus read as 'gospel'. In a dictionary and thesaurus, 'tidings' means 'news, information, word, or report' So the 'gospel' according to the scriptures is the 'good tidings':

Isa 61:1 **The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings** unto the **meek**;
he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim **liberty** to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;

The prophets preached the gospel (Psa 40:9, 1 Pet 1:9-12). Jesus appeared to His disciples after He was risen, and sent them to preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15). Christ sent Paul to preach the gospel (1 Cor 1:17). It is the gospel of 'PEACE' peace with God (Rom 5:1):

Rom 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent?
as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that
preach the gospel of peace,
 and bring glad tidings of good things!

Here again to preach the 'gospel of peace' in the NEW testament
 is the SAME in the scripture as to bring 'good tidings that publish
 peace' in the OLD testament. Peace with God is equated with salvation.

Isa 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that
bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; (Nahum 1:15)
 that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation;
 that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

The gospel that Paul preached

the gospel that the saints at Corinth received

the gospel in which they stood

the gospel that saved them

was the gospel that Paul delivered to them

as it was the gospel that he himself received.

It was the good news of Jesus and the resurrection (Acts 4:2, 17:18):

1 Cor 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:

The 'glad tidings' that Paul preached that Paul received

was by the revelation of Jesus the Messiah (Christ):

Gal 1:11-12 But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man.

12 For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

'Mid-Acts Dispensationalists' make way more out of PAUL than God did.

He was "less than the least of all saints" (Eph 3:8). 'Mid-Acts -ers' also think

that the 'mystery of Christ' was only given to Paul who 'dispensed' it out

to everyone else but GOD said that the revelation was given by His

SPIRIT (not by Paul) to His holy apostles and prophets. Though the

mystery of Christ was in the scriptures that the Gentiles would be

included the same as Israel the people did not understand it with the

clarity as they do now. It has been said that "hindsight is 20/20":

Eph 3:1-6 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles,

2 If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:

3 How that by revelation he (God) made known unto me (Paul) the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words,

4 Whereby, when ye read, ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)

5 Which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed (the revelation now given)

unto his holy apostles and prophets (not just Paul) by the Spirit; (not by Paul)

6 That the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, (beneficiaries with Israel) and of the same body, (in the same tree as Israel - Rom 11:17-19) and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:

God chose Paul to dispense His grace to the Gentile nations

that had not yet heard of Jesus which is called Christ (Matt 1:16; 27:17,22):

Rom 15:20 Yea, so have I strived to preach the gospel, not where Christ was named, lest I should build upon another man's foundation:

JOHN also testified that he was given the revelation of Christ:

Rev 1:1 The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to shew unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; (Rom 16:20) and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John:

2 Who bare record of the word of God,
and of the testimony of Jesus Christ,
and of all things that he saw.

The risen Lord Jesus upbraided (Mark 16:14) and rebuked those of unbelief, because His death and resurrection were written all over the old testament:

Luke 24:25-27 Then he said unto them, O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken:

26 Ought not Christ to have suffered these things,
and to enter into his glory?

27 And beginning at Moses and all the prophets, he expounded unto them in all the scriptures the things concerning himself.

The 'glad tidings' of Christ were the same message throughout the Bible:

Luke 24:44-47 And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled,
which were written in the law of Moses,
and in the prophets,
and in the psalms, concerning me.

45 Then opened he their understanding,
that they might understand the scriptures,

46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ
to suffer, (that is, to die)
and to rise from the dead the third day:

47 And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Peter preached that Christ's 'suffering' (that is, His death) was prophesied:

Acts 3:13-18 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Son Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied him in the presence of Pilate, when he was determined to let him go.

- 14 But ye denied the Holy One and the Just,
and desired a murderer to be granted unto you;
- 15 And killed the Prince of life,
whom God hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses.
- 16 And **his name through faith in his name** hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, **the faith which is by him** hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all.
- 17 And now, brethren, I wot that through ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers.
- 18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

'Mid-Acts-ers' deny the gospel of peace when PETER preached it

even though it was written in the prophets and for whoever believed:

- Acts 10:34-43** Then Peter opened his mouth, and said,
Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:
- 35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.
- 36 The word which God sent unto the children of Israel,
preaching peace by Jesus Christ: (he is Lord of all:)
- 37 That word, I say, ye know, which was published throughout all Judaea, and began from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached;
- 38 How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost
and with power: who went about doing good,
and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.
- 39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:
- 40 Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly;
- 41 Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead.
- 42 And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead.
- 43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

The Holy Spirit inspired John to 'make a hard-copy' a written record so that people may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing, they would have life through His name (John 20:31). Paul taught the same 'gospel' message as John of JUSTIFICATION in Jesus' name:

1 Cor 6:11 And such were some of you:
 but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified,
 but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, (1 Cor 1:2)
and by the Spirit of our God.

'Mid-Acts hyper-dispensationalists' refuse the scriptures that teach we are PARTAKERS WITH the saints that were saints BEFORE PAUL. They want NO PART with the remnant of Israel who were saints according to the election of grace (Rom 11:5). They reject the fact that we are in Christ's 'KINGDOM' claiming they are in the 'BODY' of Christ instead. Yet they think they have forgiveness of sins in the same passage written by PAUL:

Col 1:12-14 Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet (or able) to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:
 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness,
 and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:
 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood,
even the forgiveness of sins:

Again Paul stated that the gospel of Christ was proven in the old testament:

Acts 17:1-3 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews:
 2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them,
 and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,
 3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, (died)
and risen again from the dead;
and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

Just like Peter and John, Paul preached the 'good news' of Jesus'

death and resurrection for ALL who believe Jews 1st, then Gentiles:

Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Paul SPECIFICALLY testified that what he preached was the very SAME things that were written in the prophets NOTHING ELSE! He presented greater understanding on it but it WAS IN the old testament scriptures:

Acts 26:22-23 Having therefore obtained help of God, I continue unto this day, witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come:
 23 That Christ should suffer,
and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead,
and should shew light unto the people,
and to the Gentiles.

Peter also wrote of an incorruptible, undefiled inheritance reserved in heaven for the elect who are sanctified of the Spirit unto obedience (1 Pet 1:2-4). Speaking of the salvation of souls, the prophets had the Spirit of Christ in them -- as they foretold His suffering to death and His resurrection:

1 Peter 1:10-11 Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: (The dispensation of grace was PROPHESED.)

11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify,
when it testified beforehand
the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.
 12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.

THAT is the gospel the glad tidings according to the scriptures
that PAUL preached and that hundres of other men preached, as he did:

- 1 Cor 15:1-11** 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:
- 5 And that he was seen of Cephas, (Peter)
then of the twelve:
- 6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of
whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.
- 7 After that, he was seen of James;
then of all the apostles.
- 8 And last of all he was seen of me (Paul) also,
as of one born out of due time.
- (‘Mid-Acts-ers’ make the MOST of “the apostle PAUL” as they usually call him
.... but they need to listen to GOD’s words instead of the CRJ’s words):
- 9 For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called
an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.
- 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was be-
stowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they
all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.
- (The scripture that Paul wrote specifically names all these men who ALL
preached ‘the gospel according to the scriptures’ of Christ death and resur-
rection for salvation):
- 11 Therefore whether it were I (Paul)
or they, (Peter, the 12, over 500 brothers, James, and all the apostles)
so we preach, and so ye believed.

This is David Dowell saying, “Think about it!”