

## One Gospel

Dispensationalists .... especially, 'mid-Acts-hyper-dispensationalists .... DIVIDE the gospel .... into DIFFERENT gospels .... for who-they-think-are DIFFERENT peoples of God, namely, Israel and the Body of Christ .... even though the scriptures teach us to be together as ONE (Eph 3:4-6):

**Eph 4:3** Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Dispensationalists .... especially, 'mid-Acts-hyper-dispensationalists .... not only FAIL, but REFUSE, to see the CONTINUITY (which is 'a continuing unity' or 'an uninterrupted connection without essential change') between the saints of God .... who are the elect (Greek word <eklektos> translated 'elect 16 times and 'chosen' 7 times) of God (Col 3:12) .... who are the congregation, the assembly, and the church (used interchangeably) .... in every age.

**Heb 2:10-12** For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

11 For both **he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,**

12 Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren,  
in the midst of **the church** (Greek word <ekklesia> translated 'church' 115 times, and 'assembly' 3 times) will I sing praise unto thee.

Heb 2:12 is a direct quote from Psa 22:22, with the word 'church' used in the new testament for the word 'congregation' in the old testament:

**Psa 22:22** I will declare thy name unto my brethren:  
in the midst of **the congregation** will I praise thee.

In this study we will see that "the gospel of Jesus Christ" was written in the prophets, and in the gospels, and in the epistles, NOT JUST in the epistles of Paul. Jesus was named 'Jesus' in the gospels (Matt 1:21, Luke 1:31, 2:21) but scriptures were written of Him before then. 'Mid-Acts-ers' think the gospel of Christ began with Paul, but not so:

**Mark 1:1-3** The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

2 As it is written in the prophets, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. (that's Mal 3:1)

3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. (that's Isa 40:3)

Paul prophesied that, upon the Lord's return, He will punish those who did not obey the gospel of Christ .... and that is definitely NOT LIMITED to people of any certain time in history. 'The gospel of Jesus Christ' is the SAME gospel as 'the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ'. It is ridiculous to say it's not, even though 'mid-Acts-ers' separate them. Adding the title of 'Lord' before His name does not change Him, nor His gospel:

**2 Thess 1:7-9** And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels,

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

9 Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

Peter contrasted righteous Christians, which are God's house (1 Cor 3:9, 1 Tim 3:15) with ungodly sinners who do not obey God's gospel. 'The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ' is the SAME gospel as 'the gospel of GOD':

**1 Peter 4:16-18** Yet if any man suffer as **a Christian**, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.

17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at **the house of God**: and if it first begin at us,

what shall the end be of them that **obey not the gospel of God?**

18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear?

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, IS God (John 1:1).

Paul was appointed to preach **"the gospel of God" ... about Jesus Christ ... that was 'announced before' in the old testament:**

**Rom 1:1-4** Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto **the gospel of God,**

2 **(Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)**

3 **Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;**

(Psa 132:11, Isa 11:1, Jer 23:5, John 7:42)

4 **And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:** (Isa 61:1) (Acts 26:6-9)

'Mid-Acts-ers' teach that PAUL's gospel was 'different' because he received it directly from the 'risen, glorified Lord', not from man. They advertise in printed literature that Paul had a 'distinctive' ministry. They peach that Paul had 'his own' gospel because he wrote the phrase 'my gospel' 3 times (Rom 2:16, 16:25, 2 Tim 2:8). But the very facts, that Paul said were his gospel, are the SAME information that the prophets already wrote about Christ:

**2 Tim 2:8** Remember that **Jesus Christ of the seed of David** was **raised from the dead** according to **my gospel:**

Jesus being the 'Resurrected' Son of David was **already** written before Paul.

'The gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God' (Mark 1:1-3) .... is the SAME gospel as 'the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ' (2 Thess 1:8) .... and is the SAME gospel as 'the gospel of GOD' (Rom 1:1-4) .... and is the SAME gospel as 'the gospel' that Paul preached (1 Cor 15:1), that "the church of God" at Corinth (1 Cor 1:2) received, stood in, were saved by, and believed (1 Cor 15:1-2) .... that Peter, the 12, over 500 brethren, James, and all the apostles preached (1 Cor 15:5-11).

'That' gospel .... that Christ died for our sins and rose again ....

was "according to the scriptures":

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:](#)

Those are the two same issues (His suffering, His, death; and His glory, His resurrection) that Jesus explained to Cleopas and his friend (Luke 24:13-15) as they walked to the village of Emmaus after He was risen from the dead:

Luke 24:26-27 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.](#)

Peter (Acts 10:25,34,44) also told these same words to Cornelius, his kinsmen, and near friends (Acts 10:24), who were GENTILES (Acts 10:1, 15:7-11), whereby he and all his household would be saved (Acts 11:14):

**Acts 10:38-43** 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: (He died)

40 Him God raised up the third day, (He resurrected) 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.

### Trusting in Jesus Christ for forgiveness of sins

### was the message that ALL THE PROPHETS foretold:

43 To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.

Another scripture of Paul preaching the SAME 'ONE' GOSPEL that was written in the old testament by Isaiah .... is about 'the gospel of PEACE':

**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! (Nahum 1:15, Isa 40:9)

'The gospel of peace' is God's name (Rom 10:15) for the prophet's message:

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

The Greek word <euaggelizo> is in the same verse (Rom 10:15) twice  
 .... and was translated both "that preach the gospel" and "bring glad tidings"

God equips believers with the gospel of peace:

**Eph 6:13-15** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth,  
 and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

15 And **your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;**

'The gospel of peace' is from the Prince of Peace (Isa 9:6), Jesus Christ. It was 'the gospel of salvation' that PETER gave to the Gentiles and Cornelius:

**Acts 10:36** **The word which God sent unto the children of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ:** (he is Lord of all:)

Now we 'far off Gentiles' have peace by Christ -- just like them 'near Jews':

**Eph 2:13-17** But now in **Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.**

14 For **he is our peace,** who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;

15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so **making peace;**

16 And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

17 And came **and preached** (Greek word <euaggelizo> again) **peace**  
 • **to you which were afar off,**  
 • **and to them that were nigh.**

Again, we see that God, through Paul, showed that Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of Isaiah's old testament prophecy -- that He applied it to us:

**Isa 57:19** I create the fruit of the lips; **Peace, peace**  
 • **to him that is far off,**  
 • **and to him that is near, saith the LORD;** and I will heal him.

The God of peace (Rom 15:33, 16:20; Phil 4:9; 1 Thes 5:23) raised up Jesus, that we may have peace with God through Him (Phil 2:13, Rom 5:1):

**Heb 13:20** Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, (Heb 13:21)

'The gospel of peace' .... is the everlasting 'covenant of peace':

**Ezek 37:26-27** Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; (Ezek 34:25) it shall be an everlasting covenant with them:

and I will place them, and multiply them,

and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

27 My tabernacle also shall be with them:

yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

God, through Paul, applied this same truth of prophecy directly to us:

**2 Cor 6:16** And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them;

and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

The covenant of peace is the new covenant by God's same promise, initially given to Israel .... but it has always been ONLY for those who are 'inward Jews' (Rom 2:28-29), circumcised in the heart (Phil 3:3, Col 2:10):

**Heb 8:10** For this is the ('new' - Jer 31:31) covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind (inward parts - Jer 31:33), and write them in their hearts:  
and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:

God, through Paul, said the new covenant is 'proper' for us Gentiles:

**2 Cor 3:6** (God) Who also hath made us able (fit, sufficient) ministers (servants, deacons) of the new testament; (1 Cor 11:25)  
not of the letter, but of the spirit:  
for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

'Mid-Acts-ers' often talk about the 'content' of the gospel.

They think that the 'different names' that the gospel is called ....

present 'different messages' .... so they teach 'different gospels'.

They focus on some particular information and exclude the rest.

Some teach that salvation in old testament was by faith PLUS WORKS - but

it has never been that way. Salvation was and is always - by FAITH ALONE:

**Gal 3:6-9** Even as **Abraham believed God,**  
**and it was accounted to him for righteousness.**

The context shows, not only Abraham being justified

(accounted as righteous) .... but ALL those 'children'

who believe being justified the SAME way:

7 **Know ye therefore that they which are of faith,**  
**the same are the children of Abraham.**

In this context .... of Abraham being justified by faith ....

it is important to recognize FIRST, that 'the gospel'

was preached to Abraham. Let that sink in!

Yet 'mid-Acts-ers' ask, "'WHICH' gospel?" This is a fundamental error, and they make it because of their paradigm of DIVISION. They wrongly

INVENT 'another, different gospel' for Abraham .... because they don't

believe 'the gospel' PAUL preached was the SAME gospel the scripture

preached before to ABRAHAM .... even though, in the context, it is!

God, through Paul, called 'the gospel' .... 'the gospel'.

God, through Paul, said 'the gospel' was preached before to Abraham.

God, through Paul, told that 'the gospel' was .... that the GENTILES  
who believe .... are blessed the same as Abraham.

These are FACTS that 'mid-Acts-ers' will not admit:

- (Gal 3:) 8 And the scripture,  
foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith,  
preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying,  
In thee shall all nations be blessed.  
9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

So, according to God, through Paul, we are reading 'the gospel' in the  
book of Genesis .... another doctrine that 'mid-Acts-ers' refuse:

**Gen 22:18** And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;  
because thou hast obeyed my voice. (Gen 18:18, 26:4, 12:3, 28:14)

God applied the phrase 'the gospel' throughout Paul's epistle to the  
"churches of Galatia" .... as well as in all Paul's epistles .... and in all of ANY  
man's writings **of SCRIPTURE** (2 Tim 3:16):

**Gal 4:13** Ye know how through infirmity of the flesh  
I preached the gospel unto you at the first.

'The gospel' was preached to people who were living in Paul's day ....  
and it was 'as well' preached to people who were living in Moses' day:

**Heb 4:1-2** Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering  
into his rest, any of you should seem to come short of it.

- 2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them;  
but the word preached did not profit them,  
not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. (Heb 3:7-19)

'The gospel' .... is eternal life through Jesus Christ, the Son of God:

**Titus 1:1-4** Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, **according to the faith of God's elect,** and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

2 **In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;**

3 But hath in due times manifested his word through preaching, which is committed unto me according to the commandment of God our Saviour;

4 To Titus, mine own son after **the common faith:** Grace, mercy, and peace, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Paul constantly quoted and applied the OLD testament scriptures ....

to the body of Christ in the NEW testament:

**2 Cor 4:13-14** We having **the same spirit of faith,**  
**according as it is written,**

I believed, and therefore have I spoken; (Psa 116:10)  
we also believe, and therefore speak;

14 Knowing that he which **raised up the Lord Jesus** shall raise up us also by Jesus, and shall present us with you.

It is 'one faith' (Eph 4:5).

It is 'mutual faith' (Rom 1:12).

It is the faith that Paul preached .... which he once destroyed (Gal 1:23).

It is 'the common salvation' ....

'the faith which was once delivered to the saints' (Jude 1:3).

It is the 'like precious faith' .... that ALL believers have through Jesus Christ:

**2 Peter 1:1-2** Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained **like precious faith** with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ:

2 **Grace and peace** be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord,

According to the scriptures, who is the ignorant one? (1 Cor 14:38, Matt 15:14). It is those who DENY the words of God.

The 'glad tidings' .... the 'good news' .... the 'gospel' .... **INCLUDES** many things that God revealed about His Son Jesus Christ, His redemptive death and resurrection, and His kingdom. There is only 'ONE' true GOSPEL:

**Gal 1:6-9** I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel:

7 **Which is not another;** but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ.

8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

9 As we said before, so say I now again, **If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.**

**Every aspect of 'the gospel' is not written or mentioned in ANY 'one' passage of scripture.** There are many aspects to the 'whole' gospel.

Regardless of the name by which 'the gospel' is called or identified ....

it is 'the gospel':

the gospel of the kingdom	the gospel of the kingdom of God
the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God	the gospel of the grace of God
the gospel of God	the gospel of his Son
the gospel of Christ	the gospel of peace
the gospel of the uncircumcision	the gospel of the circumcision
the gospel of your salvation	the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
the everlasting gospel    my gospel	our gospel                    that gospel.

May God help us to NOT be guilty, and thus, ashamed, of DISECTING His message .... 'the gospel' of our salvation (Eph 1:13) .... into FRACTIONS that SEPARATE His saints. Let us REJOICE in God our Saviour (Rom 5:1-2).

*This is David Dowell saying, "Think about it!"*