

The Gospel We Preach

Jesus Is the Christ



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Foreword

The Gospel we preach is a message we need to understand. The Bible refers to more than one Gospel. For example what does the Bible mean when we hear Jesus speak of the Gospel of the Kingdom? (*Matthew 4:23*). When we read about the Gospel of the Grace of God (*Acts 20:24*), when we speak about the Gospel of Christ (*Romans 1:16*), what are we referring to? What do we mean when we make statements such as the Gospel of God (*Romans 1:1*), the Gospel of His Son (*Romans 1:9*) or the Gospel of Peace (*Romans 10:15*)?

In this book we will address the meaning of the Gospel of Christ. I can only share with you what I have received by way of revelation from the Lord. God is subduing the earth through revelation knowledge from Him. Learning takes place when God reveals Himself.

As I was meditating on the different things that have been happening in our local church and how my Heavenly Father is positioning me to impact different spheres of society, I came to the realization that our fundamental difficulty is that we have moved away from knowing the Mind of God.

We have somehow grown an audience instead of a church filled with disciples, knowing the Word of God. Let me hasten to bring balance.

Jesus said:

John 5:39-40

39 "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.

40 "But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.(NKJ)

The purpose for preparing this revelation is to have you and I fall in love with Jesus through the scriptures. The key is to love Jesus and not to think that in the scriptures we have eternal life. No! The scriptures tell us that life is in Christ!

Yes, we must search the scriptures because so many of us have become ensnared in great thoughts and ideas that do not affirm the person and mindset of Christ. In order for us to grasp who Jesus really is, it is needful to understand the context in which Jesus was born. It is equally important to know the scriptures he was referring to when he spoke of himself.

Remember in the time of Jesus there was no New Testament. His only reference was the Scriptures. What does it mean when we say “the Scriptures” or “it is written”?

Luke 24:44-45

44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me."

45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.(NKJ)

He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. Later on we will have a closer look at this portion of scripture. As we search the scriptures, you will discover that the early church did not suffer persecution because they had a religion, neither did they suffer rejection because they were Jews; they suffered because they preached a message that Jesus of Nazareth born in Bethlehem is the Christ or the Messiah.

This message in the days of Jesus was regarded as heresy. In fact many Jews believed that the Messiah is Jesus and that Jesus is the Messiah! This is the Gospel we preach. What does it mean to be the Messiah?

I do not claim to be an authority on the revelation that Jesus is the Christ. I do believe that I am one of many who

are carriers of this fundamental truth.

I am only part of a generation of disciples who have carried this message out of Jerusalem to the rest of the World.

I am committed in Christ to World Evangelism, Discipleship and the Presence of God. Without the supernatural presence of God, Christianity is nothing more than a glorified religion. In this book you will discover truths about the assignment of the Messiah.

You will journey through the Scriptures discovering all the areas that need to be addressed before you can be the Messiah. You will discover truths about Messianic offices such as the Prophet, The King and The Priest.

The Gospel We Preach is written in a teaching style so that you can receive the revelation through continuously going back to the content. The substance in this book will assist you in living a victorious life enforcing the victories Christ has already accomplished. As you read this book you will be exposed to revelation knowledge.

You have started reading, you might as well continue. My prayer is that you experience **The Christ** through revelation by the Holy Spirit. Let us continue our journey through the scriptures.

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Grow in the knowledge and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ! My prayer is that the Lord will open our understanding to comprehend the scriptures.

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Chapter 1

The Gospel of Christ from the Scriptures

John 5:39

39 "You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me.(NKJ)

What is Jesus referring to when He speaks of the scriptures? This is the question we need to answer. Herein lays the key to understanding the Gospel that Jesus is the Christ. What was Jesus referring to when He says?

“YOU SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES,..”

In order for you and I to know whether Jesus is the Christ, we must know the Scriptures. In this book, when you encounter terms such as “the Scriptures” or “it is written”, I will be referring to the Old Testament as we know it. To the Jew it will be the Hebrew Bible.

Did Jesus refer to the Old and New Testament as the scriptures? The answer is found in the Bible in the New Testament. Jesus after the resurrection imparts a very powerful guideline or key that will unlock the mystery of the Christ.

Luke 24:44-45

*44 Then He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in **the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me.**"*

45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures. (NKJ) (highlighted is my emphasis)

When Jesus spoke about the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms, He was referring to the Hebrew Bible. The Hebrew Bible and our present day Old Testament has the same books. There is only one difference between our Old Testament and the Hebrew Bible. The inspired scriptures in the Hebrew Bible are arranged in a different order in relation to the Old Testament in the Christian Bible.

The Hebrew Bible (known as the Tanach) comprises of three parts namely: The Torah, The Prophets and the Writings. Let us have a look at each one of them.

1st Part of the Hebrew Bible is: The Torah (First five Books of the Bible)

When Jesus refers to the Law of Moses he was referring to the Torah comprising of the following books:

1. Genesis (Bereshith)
2. Exodus (Shemoth)
3. Leviticus (Vayikra)
4. Numbers (Bemidbar)
5. Deuteronomy (Devarim)

(The names in brackets are the Hebrew names of the books in the Torah.)

2nd Part of the Hebrew Bible is: THE PROPHETS

When Jesus referred to “THE PROPHETS”, He was referring to the following books:

1. Joshua (Yehoshua)
2. Judges (Shoftim)
3. Samuel 1 (Shmuel Aleph)
4. Samuel II (Shmuel Beth)
5. Kings 1 (Melachim Aleph)
6. Kings II (Melachim Beth)

7. Isaiah (Yeshayah)
8. Jeremiah (Yirmiyah)
9. Ezekiel (Yechezkel)
10. Hosea (Hoshea)
11. Joel (Yoel)
12. Amos
13. Obadiah (Ovadyah)
14. Jonah (Yonah)
15. Micah (Michah)
16. Nahum (Nachum)
17. Habakkuk (Chabakkuk)
18. Zephaniah
19. Haggai (Chagai)
20. Zechariah
21. Malachi

These 21 books are called the Prophets.

3rd Part of the Hebrew Bible is: THE WRITINGS

When Jesus refers to the Psalms, he is referring to one of the books found in the Writings of the Hebrew Bible.

This section comprises of 13 books namely :

1. Psalms (Tehillim)
2. Proverbs (Mishiel)
3. Job (Iyov)
4. Song of Songs (Shir Hashyrim)
5. Ruth
6. Lamentations (Eichah)
7. Ecclesiastes (Koheleth)
8. Esther
9. Daniel

10. Ezra
11. Nehemiah (Nechemia)
12. Chronicles I (Divrei Hayomim Aleph)
13. Chronicles II (Divrei Hayomim Beth)

Jesus, when He referred to the Law of Moses, The Prophets and the Psalms, He was referring to 27 of the 39 Books of the Old Testament as we know it. Through these books we should be able to know if Jesus is the Messiah or not! There are over 3000 direct or indirect quotes from the Old Testament in the New Testament.

As Christians we believe that the New and the Old Testament is the inspired Word of God. The Jews believe in the Scriptures as recorded in the Old Testament or as our Jewish brethren would refer to the Old Testament as the Hebrew Bible (Tanakh). It is important to know the written Word of God as revealed in Scripture.

As Christians we should have a closer look at the Gospel of Christ. The reason for the Christ coming is most probably the best place to start.

What role did Adam have in the coming of the Christ? In the booklet: "A More Accurate Way!" I address the reason for Adam's existence. I address the questions such as:

Why did God create a man?

Was Adam the first fall in the Bible?

Where did the offices of Prophet, Priest and King originate?

This will help you in understanding the role of the Messiah and whether Jesus is the Messiah?

Let us continue to journey through the Scriptures.

Chapter 2

Thou art the Christ

Matt 16:13-14

13 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"

*14 So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."
(NKJ)*

In this portion of scripture Jesus questions His disciples with regard to the people's revelation of His identity. The response he received was some people perceived Him to be Elijah, others thought he was Jeremiah and others saw him as one of the prophets. Jesus did not respond to any of