

Do We Need a “New Gospel?”

Introduction

- 1. Prior to the 20th Century most people got around with a horse and buggy, used firewood for the kitchen stove, and kerosene for their lamps to have light.**
- 2. Now in the early years of the 21st Century electronics are at the heart of most people’s lives. There have been great advances in medicine and scientific research.**
- 3. Could it be that we now need a “new gospel” for this new age?**

Jeremiah 6:16-17 Thus says the LORD: "Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.' Also, I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen.'

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:3 as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

The Gospel Met the Needs of Ancient Man

1. In Matthew 4 at the temptation of Jesus, we find Jesus responding to Satan with "it is written."

A. Pointing to the Scriptures (Bible)

Matthew 4:3-4 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered and said, "It is written, 'MAN SHALL NOT LIVE BY BREAD ALONE, BUT BY EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD.' "

2. David trusted completely in God's Word.

Psalms 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

3. The apostle Paul was confident in the gospel message.

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."

4. John knew of the teaching of Jesus and the necessity for it.

John 15:3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

A. Although John had love for his fellow man, he opposed error vigorously.

5. Timothy was told to “preach the word.”

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season.

Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

6. Peter preached boldly about Christ and let the Jews know what they needed to do in order to obtain salvation in Christ.

Acts 2:36-38

A. Does Billy Graham, Joel Osteen, or others offer this invitation to their listeners?

7. The conviction of the apostle Paul:

A. From the “road to Damascus” to his baptism in Christ

Acts 9:1-6

Acts 22:12-16

1) One of the consequences of sin, is the remembrance of that sin.

1 Timothy 1:13

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Romans 3:23 for **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God,

1 John 3:4 Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and **sin is lawlessness**.

2 Timothy 4:6-8

(Knew he was saved – even though he was so guilty)

B. Think about it. Why would Paul be so convinced, so converted to do the very thing in which he watched Stephen be stoned for?

Has Man Changed?

- 1. We know that man has not changed.**
- 2. Man's physical makeup and nature are the same.**

Has the World Changed?

- 1. Based on what is stated in 1 John, the world has not changed.**

1 John 2:15-17 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

- A. There seems to be a lot of interest in many "things" instead of the ONE who made "all things."**
 - B. Many are not studying the Bible.**
 - 1) Often times studying other things, reading other things, but NOT the Bible.**
- 2. Sin is still sin.**
 - A. Then and now – there is no new sin.**
 - 1) Anything that one does that goes against the will of God (unrighteousness) is sin.**
Galatians 5:19-21

Has Man's Adversary Changed?

1. No – there is no “new” devil!

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Matthew 7:15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.

1 John 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Conclusion

1. **We do not need a “new Gospel” for a new age.**
2. **The same Word of God that has judged man in the past will be the very same word, the very same standard that will judge all mankind today.**

John 12:46-48 I have come as a light into the world, that whoever believes in Me should not abide in darkness. And if anyone hears My words and does not believe, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. **He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him— the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.**

