

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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“Sanctify them through thy truth:
thy word is truth.” John 17:17

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- The Word of God is the only source of Truth.

“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: ²³ Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. ²⁴ For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: ²⁵ But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

1 Peter 1:22-25

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- Purified by ... Obeying the Truth
- Born Again by the Word of God
- The Word which by the GOSPEL is preached to you

“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.”

Romans 1:16

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- The Gospel is the Power of God
- unto salvation
- to everyone who believes

The Gospel of Jesus is the only means of true salvation.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23

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- All have sinned.

"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Romans 6:23

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- Sin's (end result) punishment is death.

All people need salvation!

True Saving Faith will always result in obeying the Gospel.

"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?" 1 Peter 4:17-18

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- What will be the end ...
- of those who don't obey the gospel?
- (by the way- they *are* sinners according to v.18)

"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;"

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

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- In flaming fire taking vengeance ...
- on who?
- those who don't know God
- and who obey not the Gospel
- punished with everlasting destruction!

It is important to OBEY THE GOSPEL!

What does it mean to be born again?

"Except a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven. ... Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

John 3:3,5

John 3:3,5

- You **must** be **BORN AGAIN!**
- both of **Water** and of **Spirit!**

So if it is necessary to obey the Gospel, then it is imperative to ask, ...

"What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ?"

And, "How can I Obey it?"

What is the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

"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:"

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

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- I declare to you the gospel
- by which you are saved
- how that Christ died for our sins
- and that he was buried,
- and that he rose again"

Three Elements:

1. **Death**
2. **Burial**
3. **Resurrection**

"But **How** can you **OBEY** the Gospel?"

"Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:"

Romans 6:3-5

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- mentions death, burial, resurrection
- (to obey it means to apply it)
- describes how to **apply** the three elements

Three Elements

Jesus died on the Cross
Jesus was buried in a tomb.

We must die out to our sins.
We must be buried with him
by baptism. (v. 3,4)

Jesus Rose Again!

We must arise to walk in the
newness of life (v. 4,5)

Jesus instructed the Apostles in how to preach the gospel in...

"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, 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. ⁴⁸ And ye are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

Luke 24:45-49

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- Christ to suffer and to rise again
- **repentance** and **remission** of sins
- should be preached in his **name**
- behold I send the **promise** of my Father
- endued with **power**

Three things Jesus mentioned:

(to his disciples)

- 1. Repentance**
- 2. Remission in the Name**
- 3. Promise of Power**

Compare this with the Gospel of Death, Burial, Resurrection and how we are to “obey it.”

Now it's time for a short quiz!

Quiz

1. The Gospel includes three elements. True/False
2. Jesus _____, was _____, and _____.
3. We can choose to obey or not obey the gospel and still be saved. True/False
4. How can you be buried? By _____.
5. Jesus left his disciples to guess as to what they should preach. True/False
6. The disciples were to preach repentance, remission of sins, and promised power. True/False

1. True; 2. died, buried, rose again; 3. False; 4. being baptized; 5. True; 6. True

**Do you wonder if Jesus' promise happened?
...and if the disciples followed Jesus' instructions?**

This is what happened, and this is what they preached.

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. ² And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. ³ And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

Acts 2:1-4

Acts 2:1-4

- The Holy Ghost is poured out!
- They spoke in other languages!
- After people asked questions, Peter stood to preach to those who had gathered near the Upper Room...
- In this first Sermon, Peter preached to lost people.

"Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? ³⁸ Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. ³⁹ For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. ⁴⁰ And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation."

Acts 2:37-39

Acts 2:37-40

- At the conclusion of his message, the people felt conviction and asked ...
"What shall we do?"
(How can we be saved?)
- Peter gave them the answer.
- He gave the keys to the kingdom.
- He preached the salvation message.

Peter's Answer

1. Repentance
2. Water Baptism in Jesus Name for the remission of sins
3. The Gift of the Holy Ghost

***It all adds up!
It all fits together!***

This is the Born Again of water and Spirit in John 3:5, the fulfillment of the saving gospel (Rom. 1:6, 1 Corin. 15:1-4, death, burial, and resurrection) by our obedience to it (Romans 6:3-5), it is the message Jesus told the Apostles to preach, and it is what Peter obediently told the People in Acts 2:38.

The Plan of Salvation is found in ACTS 2:38!

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Acts 2:38

Other Examples

"But when they believed Philip preaching the things concerning the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. ... ¹⁴ Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: ¹⁵ Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: ¹⁶ (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) ¹⁷ Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost."

Acts 8:12,14-17

Acts 8:12,14-17

In Samaria, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus and received the gift of the Holy Ghost also!

"While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. ⁴⁵ And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, ⁴⁷ Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, which have received the Holy Ghost as well as we? ⁴⁸ And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days."

Acts 10:44-48

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At Cornelius' house, Peter preached and they received the Holy Ghost. The Jews knew they received it **because** they spoke in tongues just as on the Day of Pentecost. (See Acts 10:46 and Acts 11:15)

Then Peter **commanded** them to be baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. (NIV)

"And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper coasts came to Ephesus: and finding certain disciples, ² He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed? And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost. ³ And he said unto them, Unto what then were ye baptized? And they said, Unto John's baptism. ⁴ Then said Paul, John verily baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus. ⁵ When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶ And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied." Acts 19:1-6

Acts 19:1-6

The Apostle Paul preached to disciples of John the Baptist. They were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And they received the Holy Ghost and spoke with tongues.

These two passages reaffirm the truth that this Bible Study is designed to impart and that Peter preached on the Day of Pentecost - that obedience to the Gospel is Repentance, Water Baptism in Jesus' Name and receiving the Gift of the Holy Ghost!

FOR FURTHER STUDY ...

REPENTANCE

"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, ² And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
Matthew 3:1-2

John the Baptist preached Repentance.

➤ **Matthew 3:1-2**

"John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins."
Mark 1:4

➤ **Mark 1:4**

"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."
Matthew 4:17

Jesus preached Repentance.

➤ **Matthew 4:17**

"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵ And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel."
Mark 1:14-15

➤ **Mark 1:14-15**

"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."
Acts 2:38

Peter preached Repentance.

➤ **Acts 2:38**

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;"
Acts 3:19

➤ **Acts 3:19**

➤ **2 Peter 3:9**

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."
2 Peter 3:9

"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent."
Acts 17:30

"Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly manner, that ye might receive damage by us in nothing. ¹⁰ For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death."
2 Cor 7:9-10

Paul preached
Repentance.

- **Acts 17:30**
- **Acts 26:20**
- **2 Corin. 7:9-10**

"But shewed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance."
Acts 26:20

Repentance is necessary!

"Except you repent, you will all likewise perish."
Luke 13:3,5

"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."
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"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent."
Acts 17:30

Repentance is to be genuinely sorry for sin and to ask Jesus to forgive you for your sins!

Jesus

said,

- All who do not repent will perish
- 2 Peter 3:9**
- not willing that any should perish,
 - that **all** should come to repentance
- Acts 17:30**
- no longer winks at ignorance
 - now **commands** all men everywhere to repent

WATER BAPTISM IN JESUS NAME

Baptism is part of the new birth, salvation.

The word baptize literally means to dip, plunge or submerge.

In the Bible people were always baptized in the name of Jesus.

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

Mark 16:16

"Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead."

Colossians 2:12

"The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:"

1 Peter 3:21

"Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

Acts 4:12

John 3:5

born of water

Acts 2:38

it brings remission of sins

Romans 6:3,4

Burial & Resurrection

Mark 16:16

believe & baptize = saved

Colossians 2:12

Buried with Him

1 Peter 3:21

Baptism Saves

Acts 4:12

No Other Name!

BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

"Except a man is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of heaven. ... Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."
John 3:3,5

It is part of the New Birth - Salvation.

"In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. ³⁸ He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. ³⁹ (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)"
John 7:37-39

John 3:5
born of the Spirit

John 7:37-39
he who **believes**
should also **receive** the Holy Ghost!

"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me...."
Acts 1:8a

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:1-4

"While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. ⁴⁵ And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. ⁴⁶ For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God."
Acts 10:44-46

Acts 2:38

Acts 8:15-17

Acts 10:44-46

Acts 19:2,6

Summary:

After repenting and being baptized in water in Jesus name, you should begin praising the Lord with all your heart. As you praise him in faith, expect to receive his Spirit. When you receive the Holy Ghost, you will speak in a language that you do not know (the Spirit speaking through you) just as the people in the Bible did. Then you have obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ. You have been born again!

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