

The Gospel

I. New Testament Timeline

- A. 4BC – Jesus born
- B. 30AD – Jesus crucified, resurrected and ascended
- C. 33AD – Paul encounters Christ outside Damascus (Acts 9, 24:10-21; 26:1-29)
- D. 38AD – Peter speaks to Cornelius (Roman soldier) in Caesarea (Acts 10:1-11:18)
- E. 44-47AD – Paul serves in Antioch (Acts 11:19-30)
- F. 46-47AD – Paul’s first mission to Galatia (Acts 13:13-14:28)
- G. 48AD – Paul writes to the Galatians
- H. 49AD – Jerusalem Council (Acts 15)

II. The Genuine Gospel

- A. The Lord Jesus Christ gave Himself for our sins (2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Pet. 2:24)
 - 1. Delivering us from this present evil age (1 Jn. 5:19; Eph. 2:2)
 - 2. Fulfilling God’s will
- B. What is the Gospel?
 - 1. The Gospel in the New Testament
 - a. “Gospel of the Kingdom” (Matt. 4:23)
 - b. “Gospel of Jesus Christ” (Mk. 1:1)
 - c. “Gospel of God” (Mk. 1:14)
 - d. “Gospel of God’s Son” (Rom. 1:9)
 - e. “Gospel of Christ” (Rom. 15:9)
 - f. “Gospel of the glory of Christ” (2 Cor. 4:4)
 - g. “Gospel of your salvation” (Eph. 1:13)
 - h. “Gospel of peace” (Eph. 6:15)
 - i. “Gospel of our Lord Jesus” (2 Thess. 1:8)
 - j. “Gospel of the glory of the blessed God” (1 Tim. 1:11)
 - 2. The Gospel releases us from slavery to live in freedom (Gal. 5:1, 13)
 - 3. The Gospel changes our status & identity & gives us a new identity
 - a. children of the devil (1 Jn. 3:10) to children of God (Jn. 1:12)
 - b. sons of disobedience (Eph. 2:2) to sons of God (Rom. 8:14)
 - c. darkness to light (Acts 26:18)
 - d. the power of Satan to God (Acts 26:18)
 - e. brings us forgiveness of sins (Acts 26:18)
 - f. gives us a place among God’s people (Acts 26:18)

III. Accepting A Different Gospel, A Contrary Gospel, A Distorted Gospel

- A. No initial requirement but responding by faith **for** salvation (Eph. 2:8-9; Jn. 19:30)
 - 1. Jehovah’s Witness, Mormonism, etc.
 - 2. Gaga & Oprah
 - 3. Pantheism
 - 4. Liberalism
- B. No other requirement but responding by faith **after** salvation (Gal. 3:1-3)
 - 1. We simply need to continue the way we began

2. Not adding requirements (laws or practices) to ensure our salvation or to gain God's approval of our living
 - a. Tongues
 - b. Church affiliation
 - c. Certain practices
 - d. Prosperity