

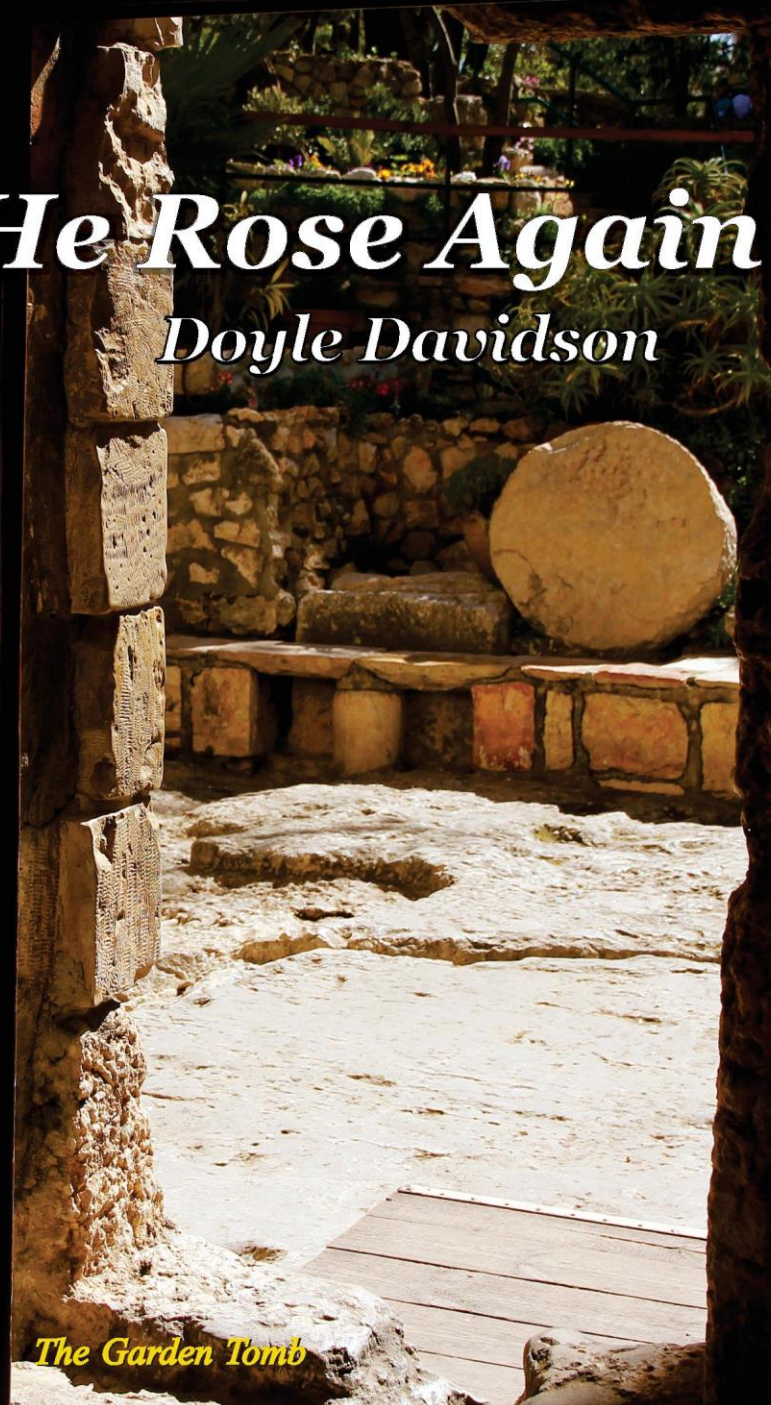
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The Garden Tomb





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INTRODUCTION

In November 1988, I received a request from a pastor in Africa for some of our cassette tapes. God directed me to send ten teaching tapes, and I did. We received an additional eight requests for tapes in November and December 1988, and then we received 6,000 requests in 1989.

Through June 1990, we have sent over 88,000 hours of teaching and worship tapes to 9,000 people in the United States of America and 18 foreign countries.

In August 1989, God directed me to make available on tape the teachings He has given me on "The Gospel and Its Benefits" and "The Blood of Jesus." Since August 1989, we have sent, free of charge upon request, one tape each month for 20 months, beginning with the first tape in the series-- "He Rose Again."

God has now directed me to put the teachings from "The Gospel and Its Benefits" and "The Blood of Jesus" in book form and to distribute these books--again, without charge upon request.

In I Corinthians 9:9-18, the apostle Paul says:

For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the mouth of the ox that treadeth out the corn. Doth God take care of oxen (v.9)?

Or saith he it altogether for our sakes? For our sakes, no doubt, this is written: that he that ploweth should plow in hope; and that he that thresheth in hope should be partaker of his hope (v.10).

*If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things (v.11)
If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but*

suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ (v.12).

Do ye not know that they which minister about holy things live of the things of the temple? and they which wait at the altar are partakers with the altar (v.13)?

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel (v.14).

But I have used none of these things: neither have I written these things, that it should be so done unto me: for it were better for me to die, than that any man should make my glorying void (v.15).

For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel (v.16)!

For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me (v.17).

What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel (v.18).

That is what God has instructed me to do--make the gospel of Christ without charge.

God has revealed these teachings to me over the last 20 years. If you have ears to hear, lay aside your religious pride, your religious tradition, your tradition of man, your denominationalism, your theology, and your bible school teachings. I Corinthians 8: 1 tells us that knowledge puffeth up, but charity, or love, edifieth. II John 6 states: "*This is love, that we walk after his commandments.*" And John 14:23 states: "*If a man love me, he will keep my words.*"

If you love God, you will keep His words. If you keep His words, you will keep His commission, and if you keep His commission, you will preach the gospel. If you preach the gospel, God will send you, and if God sends you, it will be because you preach the gospel.

If you preach the gospel, it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth--to the Jew first and also to the Greek. As Romans 1: 17 says: *"For therein [the gospel] is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, the just shall live by [His] faith* (quoting Habakkuk 2:4).

CHAPTER 1

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

This chapter could easily be titled, “What the Gospel is Not.” Before we are through, you are going to find out that much of what you thought was “gospel” is not gospel at all. Let me begin with a statement that will challenge your religious heart and your religious mind.

The following phrases are probably written in your Bible — “The Gospel According to St. Matthew, St. Mark, St. Luke, or St. John.” I assure you that you will find things in these four New Testament books that are not the gospel.

In reality, the opinions of some men caused these books to be labeled “the gospel according to Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.” The true gospel is that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again the third day.

All of my life I have heard, “Repent, repent, repent!” Most preachers in the United States of America never told me to believe anything. They certainly never told me to believe the gospel.

A certain preacher has been running all over America for the last 40 years preaching repentance. America has not repented yet. You must be honest with yourself. If God sent this man, and America has not repented, then God does not know what He is doing.

Do Not Be Accursed

In most cases, the gospel you have heard is the one Paul warned of in Galatians 1:9:

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.

Most religious denominations have not heard the gospel. Further, they do not believe the gospel, nor do they preach the gospel. They preach their gospel and not the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Many people have left their religious denominations — Baptist, Methodist, or other denominations — and have become charismatic Baptists, charismatic Methodists, or charismatic this or that. There has been no repentance from dead works and no belief in the gospel.

Do you know why this has happened? We do not want to offend the Baptists, Methodists, or any other denominational church. However, denominations need to repent of their religious traditions.

I asked a well-known international Bible teacher the following question: “Do you believe there are religious demons?” He said, “Oh yes! But, I do not want to tell anyone. I do not want to offend them.”

He continued, “I will tell them privately.” I asked him, “What if you do not get to talk to them privately?”

What has happened here? The man is afraid. That is fear — not faith. Faith has no fear. If you are afraid, you have no business preaching the gospel.

You must preach the gospel in faith. As you read this book, you will discover the true gospel — that Jesus died, was buried, and rose from the dead on the third day!

CHAPTER 2

PREACHING THE GOSPEL

In Mark 1:14, Mark writes the following words:

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God.

Carefully examine verse 14. Most of us do not pay attention to words as they are written. This verse tells us that Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. He did not preach the gospel of Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. He preached the gospel of the kingdom of God.

Look at the word “preaching.” “Preaching” simply means to publish, or to proclaim. Jesus came to proclaim the gospel. The word “proclaim” means to show forth, to open, or to reveal something.

This is important because what you thought was the gospel has not been the gospel. It has just been men’s words. Put another way, the gospel is not the words that are spoken. The gospel is the power of God that is being demonstrated.

Jesus came publishing, or proclaiming, the gospel of the kingdom of God. The gospel is good news, or good tidings. If the preaching is not good news, it is not the gospel. If the preaching is not the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus, it is not the gospel. And it is not good news.

CHAPTER 3

THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION

While growing up in church, and even until today, many of us have heard preachers say, “Now I am going to preach the gospel.” The fact is that they are not preaching the gospel at all.

I was greatly amazed some 17 or 18 years ago when I saw that the gospel is defined in I Corinthians 15:1-4, just as faith is defined in Hebrews 11:1.

Look at the definition of the gospel in I Corinthians 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 (v. 1);

By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain (v. 2).

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures (v. 3);

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures (v. 4).

These verses are so opposed to what you and I have heard in church that we find them difficult to believe.

What is Paul actually saying when he says, “*Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel [the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ]*”?

I Declare Unto You the Gospel

Examine verse 1:

*Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel
which I preached unto you,...*

Paul preached the gospel.

...which also ye have received,...

Paul preached, and the people received.

Notice what happened:

...and wherein ye stand;

Everyone says, “Oh glory! We stand in the gospel.” Read verse 2, however:

By which also ye are saved, if..

Can you believe the word “if” is associated with “saved”?

Continue reading verse 2:

*...if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you,
unless ye have believed in vain.*

Does this sound like “once saved, always saved”?

What did Paul preach to the Corinthians? He preached the gospel — the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He received it first, then he preached it to them. They received it. They stand in it, if they keep in memory, or hold fast to, what they believe.

Hold Fast to What You Believe

In the United States, you can ask people, “Are you born again?” They reply, “I hope so.” You ask, “Are you saved?” They answer, “I think so. I hope I am. I went to a crusade in 1964 and went forward.”

Well my friend, you were not saved. Or, if you were saved, you are no longer saved because you do not hold fast to what you believed when you went forward. That is what I Corinthians 15:2 says.

I know this is shocking to American religionists. But a man who says, “I hope so” or “I thought I did,” was not saved. I have met many “hope so’s” and “thought I did’s”.

I know this is going to ruffle some of our religious feathers. However, we must believe the truth. If we are going to preach the gospel to the world, we must believe what the Bible says. Then, people can be saved through the gospel.

The Meaning of Salvation

You are saved. What does that mean? The word “saved” means to be made sound, or set at safety. You must keep in memory, or hold fast to, the gospel that was preached. If you hold fast to the truth of the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, you are saved! It is that simple.

I have met Christians who have told me, “I have been under such an attack that I doubt I am saved.” Do you want to know why they question their salvation? They doubt because they know nothing about the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Spirit of God spoke to me and said, “I did not commission my people to go and preach ‘get saved’. I told my people to go and preach the gospel to every creature.”

“*Preach the gospel*” is the commission. Read it for yourself in Mark 16:15. The scripture does not say, “Go, get people saved.” It says, “*Preach the gospel.*” Why? Because you are saved if you hold fast to the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

If you hold fast to “getting saved,” you probably are not. I know this will shake a lot of false foundations in the world. However, I Corinthians 15:2 is so clear that anyone can read it and tell that you have to hold fast to the gospel that was preached.

Do Not Believe in Vain

Now, finish I Corinthians 15:2:

...what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

You can believe in vain. If you do not hold fast to the gospel—the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ—you have believed in vain. This is not “once saved, always saved”. If you do not continue to believe, you have believed in vain.

Paul Received the Gospel

Continue with I Corinthians 15:3:

For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received,...

Paul received the gospel first. You cannot deliver the gospel if you have not received it.

What is the gospel? Verses 3 and 4 give the scriptural definition:

...that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures (v.3);

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures (v.4).

This is the gospel simply defined: the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Working out Salvation

Before we discuss salvation any further, I want to tell you now that Satan will play games with you over the words we read in I Corinthians 15:1-4. Do not let him. He will make you say, “Well, I wonder what happened to my great, great-grandfather?” It does not make any difference, because you cannot save him.

God says in Philippians 2:12 that we should work out our own salvation. Leave everyone else alone. If you want to know something, ask God. Do not let the devil take the truth and beat you over the head with it. Only God knows who is saved and who is going to heaven. You cannot know who is saved unless God tells you.

Hold Fast to the Gospel

Let us examine “salvation” further. Ephesians 1:13 tells us that the baptism in the Holy Spirit is the seal of your salvation. You cannot be baptized in the Holy Spirit without having first believed the gospel.

However, do not think that it is enough simply to believe on Jesus one time. If you do not hold fast to the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, you can lose the salvation that you had.

That fact is right here in the scriptures. I am simply telling you what is in the Word. Read I Corinthians 15:1-4 thoroughly for

yourself.

I know how religious people will react. They will say, “Well now, brother, that does not say that.” Yes, I have heard their stories, and I do not want to listen to them again.

Believe and obey I Corinthians 15:1-4. Stand fast in the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.

CHAPTER 4

THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Look at Mark 1:14 again:

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God.

We know, according to scripture, that the gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Now, we are going to look at the “*kingdom of God.*”

Jesus is our example, and His gospel was the gospel of the kingdom of God. He was preaching something different than most ministers preach. He was preaching His death, burial, and resurrection.

What is the kingdom of God? The kingdom of God needs to be examined according to God’s Word. Look at I Corinthians chapter 4. I will show you something that will probably shock you.

Religionists have taught that the kingdom of God is in word, but it is not. The kingdom of God is in power. This fact is scriptural. Because you say that you believe every word of the Bible, you cannot deny that you believe these words. I will show you not only these verses, but others that will challenge your religious foundation.

God is challenging the kingdoms of darkness in the world. He is confronting religious kingdoms — Baptist, Methodist, Catholic, Pentecostal, “Word,” and other denominational kingdoms — to believe what you say you believe. The fact is that you know you do not.

In I Corinthians 4:18-20, Paul says:

Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you (v. 18).

But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power (v. 19).

For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power (v. 20).

The word “power” is from the Greek word, **dunamis**. **Dunamis** means ability. The kingdom of God is not in most of our preaching. It is not in enticing words. It is not even in teaching the Word of God. It is in power.

Further, if our teaching and preaching are not associated with power, the letter of the Word is being preached, not the Spirit. The letter will kill us.

In II Corinthians 3:6, Paul says of God:

Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

This scripture is true no matter who teaches it.

Jesus is our example. Do you agree? If you and I are doing what Jesus did, we will be preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. Therefore, signs will always follow our preaching. Signs will occur because we will simply be publishing, or proclaiming, the gospel of the kingdom of God with power.

If you never preached anything in your Sunday morning church services except the gospel, you would be doing yourself and the people to whom you are preaching a great favor. Remember, the gospel is that Jesus died, was buried, and rose from the dead the third day. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand

of the Father making intercession for you and me. That, my friend,
is power!

CHAPTER 5

THE GOSPEL WITH AUTHORITY

Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom. The gospel of the kingdom is in power. I want you to see also that the gospel of the kingdom of God is taught with authority.

Mark 1:22 says:

And they were astonished at his doctrine [His teaching]: for he taught them as one that had authority, and not as the scribes.

The word “authority” means privilege. “He taught them as one that had [privilege].”

Over what did Jesus have authority? Well, praise God, I am glad you asked. Turn to Luke 4:32-36. These scriptures give the same account that is given in Mark 1:22, but in more detail.

Luke 4:32 says:

And they were astonished at his doctrine: for his word was with power.

The word “power” here means authority or privilege.

Luke 4:33-34 continues:

And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice (v. 33),

Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God (v.34).

That spirit knew who Jesus was.

In verse 35, we see:

And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the devil had thrown him in the midst, he came out of him, and hurt him not.

Jesus commanded the devil to hold his peace and come out of the man. The devil threw the man in the midst of the people and came out of him without doing him any harm.

Now, look at verse 36. I want you to see this:

And they were all amazed, and spake among themselves, saying, What a word is this! for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out.

Jesus had authority and power! In verse 36, the word “authority” is the Greek word, *exousia*, or privilege. The word “power” here is *dunamis*. With authority [privilege] and with power[ability], He commanded the unclean spirits, and they came out. Can you do that? Does your ministry exemplify this, or do you merely preach, “I have done my part, now it is up to Jesus”?

Let me tell you this. I have listened to preachers in the United States of America say, “Now I have laid hands on people, it is up to God. I have preached the word. Now it is up to God.”

That is incorrect. You must obey God. You must be led by the Spirit. You must preach the gospel of the kingdom of God. You must publish the good news, the glad tidings, the gospel. The gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The gospel is authority and power.

One last word: if you preach another gospel, there will be no changes in the lives of the people to whom you preach, and you will be accursed. Look at Galatians 1:8 and 9:

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 (v. 8).

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 (v. 9).

These scriptures should be enough to make anyone believe God! If you believe God, you will obey God, and you will preach the gospel. The gospel will be preached with authority and with power.

CHAPTER 6

THE GOSPEL WITH POWER

In this chapter, we are going to take a closer look at the power of God that is always associated with the gospel of the kingdom. Look at I Corinthians 4:18-20. Paul says, in verse 18:

Now some are puffed up, as though I would not come to you.

Would you care to guess what “puffed up” means? Could the words “puffed up” mean “pride”?

Verses 19 and 20 say:

But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will, and will know, not the speech of them which are puffed up, but the power (v.19).

For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power (v.20).

Paul said that when he came, he would not know the preachers that only taught the word. They are puffed up. Rather, he said that he would know those that demonstrated the power of God.

The kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. When God showed me these three verses about 14 years ago, I could distinctly separate those ministers who were “puffed up” from those ministers who demonstrated the power of God.

Mark 1:14 says:

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God.

Look at this verse along with I Corinthians 4:18-20. Jesus came into Galilee publishing the gospel — His death, burial, and resurrection. What did He publish? He published the power of God. According to I Corinthians 4:18-20, any minister who does not demonstrate the power of God is “puffed up.”

In the United States, there are preachers who stand up day after day and try to justify why they do not pray for the sick and why they demonstrate no power. They say, “God has called me as a teacher.” I know these ministers by name, but I do not want to embarrass them. I love them enough to point out I Corinthians 4:18-20.

Further, I pray that God will lead them to repent. If you think God has called you to teach the Word of God with no power, you are mightily deceived. Satan has misled you.

When God started leading me to demonstrate His power, I did not want to. I did not want to be associated with people who cast out devils, healed the sick, and spoke in tongues. I did not mind going to church with people who spoke in tongues as long as they did not know that I did. However, God spoke the following to me: “If you love me, you will keep my words.”

On two occasions, I heard a man who is considered to be one of the leading evangelists in the United States of America make the following public statement: “I am not a novice. I can count on five fingers all of the miracles that God has done in this ministry in all my years.”

He also said, “God does not grow out legs; God does not fill teeth; and God does not do other miracles that I hear people describe.”

People flock by the thousands to listen to that man preach. You can determine for yourself whether or not he is obeying God. I have enough courage to tell you that a person who is not demonstrating God’s power is simply not following the Spirit of God. I am not concerned if you call me critical or judgmental. (If

that is what you believe, I call you deceived. That is what Jesus calls you, too.)

Jesus came publishing the gospel — the death, burial, and resurrection of the kingdom of God — with power. The kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. In the United States, preachers say, “Well, my words have power. I preached the Word, and now I have to go. God will demonstrate His power as I am leaving.” That happens all of the time.

Do you know something? God will demonstrate His power. Thank God, He will. If you have a drop of faith and can believe any of the Word, God will demonstrate His power for you.

I grew up listening to and watching these ministers. I received everything I wanted to receive from God. I did not receive my blessing by having these preachers lay their hands on me, either. I simply took the Word and started believing it. That is the only reason some of us have emerged from the Charismatic movement with a little faith and a little power.

Now, God is saying, “I want you to show these people what a fight it was to get where you are. I want you to love them. I do not want you to forget them. I do not want you to become so large that you forget your roots.”

If every Christian would remember his small beginnings, he would continue to make people Christians. Everyone wants to be the biggest. That is all we think. When we have large crowds, we think God is approving our ministry.

How did God approve the ministry of Jesus? The Apostle Peter tells us in Acts 2:22:

Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know.

Jesus was approved of God by miracles and wonders and signs. Take a close look at what is happening in the church you attend. Is the gospel being preached? Is there any power demonstrated? I John 4:1 says to try the spirits and see if they are of God.

Read Mark 16:17 and 18. The signs described in those verses will follow the preaching of the gospel. The power of God will be demonstrated. If the power of God is not occurring in your church, ask God what He would have you do. You are His sheep, and you hear His voice.

CHAPTER 7

THE GOSPEL WITH AUTHORITY AND POWER

In previous chapters, we have seen that Jesus preached the Word—the gospel—with authority and power. He commanded unclean spirits to come out, and they came out. Now, I want you to see Matthew 28:18:

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power [authority or privilege] is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

The authority of God must be given to you before you put your Bible in a suitcase and depart to preach to all nations.

In addition, Jesus said in Luke 24:49 that you are not to preach “*until ye be endued with power [ability] from on high.*” When you are endued with power, you have the ability of the Holy Spirit.

Authority Only Is Not Enough

You must have both authority and ability with your preaching. If you have authority only, the devil will mock you. He will say, “This is my house.”

In the beginning, I had authority only. God was leading me into His ability, however, and teaching me His ways. Before God’s power—His ability—was demonstrated in my life, I did not know how to handle demons. I would command a demon to depart, and it would say, “This is my house. I am not going to come out of here.”

I would simply stand there and stare. I did not know what else to do. I said, “God, what are you going to do with these demons?”

I spent six hours one night trying to cast the demons out of a woman. I do not think I ever cast them out. I merely stirred them up — like a bunch of bees. They did sting, too!

I was so tired that I went to bed. I thought, “This is a waste of time. I cannot cast out demons.” But, praise God, He will teach us His ways as we walk with Him.

The Power of the Holy Spirit

We must have authority and power to preach the gospel. Where does the power come from? The power comes from the Holy Spirit. Look at Acts 1:8:

But ye shall receive power [ability], after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

You receive power—the ability of God—after the Holy Spirit is come upon you — after you are baptized in the Holy Spirit.

You must know that you have authority over the devil if you want to cast him out. You must also have the ability of the Holy Spirit operating in you to cast the devil out. It is the Holy Spirit who casts out the devil. It is not you and I.

It is so nice when you learn to walk in the Spirit and let Him lead you. You know that you have the authority, and you walk in that privilege. Then the Spirit of God will rise up inside you, and you will feel like a faith giant. I am not kidding you. You feel like 170 pounds of faith. (That happens to be what I weigh.)

You only hope that there is a devil in front of you. The power of God is searching for demons. When He sees a demon in a person,

that demon will scream and throw the person down. Then the devil comes out. After the anointing and the ability leave you, you merely weigh 170 pounds of nothing.

As I read Acts 1:8, I would think, "This must have been wild!" Then, the first time I experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in church, I did not know what to do. I thought it was incredible. I wondered if I were going to be consumed.

I walked around the church, and when I got within four or five feet of someone with a demon, the demon would come out screaming and roaring. That is the love of God. That is the gospel of the kingdom of God.

What is being done in the church? Preachers say, "I want you all to come up here and line up. Line up here! I am going to lay my hands on all of you. In Jesus' name, I will command the devil to go, and he will be gone. Now you will be free." And nothing happens. No power is demonstrated.

Well, that is what they do. The preacher leaves, and the devil stays. I could not understand that. I thought, "What is this?" All of you who have witnessed this know what I am talking about.

People have come to me and said, "I have had all of these preachers pray for me. Now I am going to give you a chance." They started with Hagin and Schambach and all of the big ministries. I asked them, "Well, what are you doing here with me?"

When the Holy Ghost casts the devil out of people right in front of your eyes, you will find out that it does not make any difference who they have had praying for them. What matters is the Spirit of God operating through you. I am not interested in whose prayer line you have been in.

If God sends you to me for prayer, you are going to be set free. If you come merely because you have heard I cast out devils, I am not even going to pray for you. I have stopped that.

God told me, “You do not pray for people unless I tell you to pray. You do not lay hands on people unless I tell you to lay hands.” I did not know anyone in the country that was as cautious as I was.

Once I was listening to Norvel Hayes. He said that Kathryn Kuhlman protected her gifts better than anyone he had ever seen. He said that you could not make that woman pray for you if she did not want to pray.

I said, “Thank God! That is the Spirit of God in me telling me not to lay hands on everyone.” I praise God for what Norvel Hayes said about Kathryn Kuhlman protecting her gifts.

I watched her once at one of her meetings. She would pick only certain individuals for prayer. In the United States, the preachers say, “I want you to fill this wall! Come up here, and we are going to put oil on you and lay hands on all of you.”

If God tells you to lay hands on everyone, that is fine. If you do it just to please people, then it is not fine.

When the Spirit of God is operating in you, you can sit down, stand up, or do anything else you want, and watch the power of God manifest. It is so much fun. It is so easy to watch God heal people.

I was praying for a man one night. He had two vertebrae that had been damaged and were deteriorating. The physicians wanted to fuse them surgically. I sat down in a chair. I said to the man, “Sit down in this chair. I want to pray for you.”

I started praying, and suddenly the Spirit of God hit his midsection and jerked him. He said, “Oh, something in me just popped, something in the middle of me just moved sideways.”

I said, “Get up, and bend over.” He stood up, bent over, and felt no pain. God repaired two vertebrae for him as he was sitting there in that chair.

That has happened to me only a few times. That was the funniest thing I have ever seen. God simply moved his back and put it in the correct position. God is the best chiropractor you have ever met. Well, He is! He can do anything. Anything!

I have watched God take people and twist them in every direction. I saw Him take a woman at our mission one night and rotate her arm backward and upward until her arm was fully extended. I thought, “God, you are going to damage this woman’s arm. That arm will just rotate so far that way.”

Then I said, “Doyle, you had better leave God alone. He knows how to deal with people’s arms.” What God did was amazing. The woman’s arm was completely healed.

Remember, you have the authority—the privilege—to preach the gospel. But, be wise. Do not go anywhere to preach the gospel until you have the power of the Holy Spirit in you.

CHAPTER 8

REPENTANCE

After the gospel of the kingdom of God is preached, you must then repent. Open your Bible to Mark 1:14-15:

Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God (v. 14),

And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel (v. 15).

In verse 14, Jesus came into Galilee preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God. In verse 15, Jesus preached repentance and belief. Do you teach this when you preach?

Mark said that Jesus came proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and saying that the kingdom of God was at hand. Jesus also said, “*Repent ye, and believe the gospel.*” He did not say, “Repent, you sinner.” He did not say, “Repent, or go to hell.” He said, “*Repent ye, and believe the gospel.*”

Change Your Will

What, then, is repentance? Repentance is a changing of the mind. It means to have another mind, or another will. Repentance is having the will of God. What is the will of God? The will of God is that you believe the gospel. It is very simple.

Jesus came into Galilee saying, “*Repent ye, and believe the gospel.*” He did not say, “Repent, and join our church.” He did not say, “Repent, and walk the aisle at a crusade, with tears running down your cheeks, making a profession of Christ.”

He said, “*Repent ye, and believe the gospel.*” What is the gospel? You should know that by now. The gospel is that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again the third day.

Confessing Your Sins Is Not Enough

Romans 10:9 tells you God’s plan of salvation:

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Did you know that the Bible does not say that you need to recite the “sinner’s prayer” to be saved?

You can confess your sins and never be saved. Did you know you can confess your sins to your wife, to your husband, or to your pastor and never be saved? Do you know why? The reason is that you never confessed Jesus as Lord and believed that He was raised from the dead.

Look at this example. Suppose you were in prison about to die in the electric chair or die from a lethal injection. You confess every sin you ever committed. But you do not believe Jesus Christ was raised from the dead. And you do not confess Him as Lord of your life. You will die a sinner and go to hell. Did you know that?

Repent, Then Believe

It is not enough to confess your sins. You have to believe that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again the third day. When He died, He went to hell for you and for me, so that we would not have to go.

He also ascended to the right hand of the Father. He sits there today making intercession for you and me. You must believe that!

You must believe that Jesus was raised from the dead. You cannot believe in Mohammed. He was not raised from the dead. You cannot believe in other prophets. They have not been raised from the dead.

Jesus has been raised from the dead. He is the only one who died who is still alive today, praise be to God! He is seated at the right hand of the Father.

Jesus Christ is Lord

In addition to believing that Jesus was raised from the dead, you have to confess Him as Lord of your life to be saved, or made sound. Do you know what you and I have been taught? We have been taught to ask Him to come into our lives and be our Savior. That is not scriptural. Jesus wants to be your Savior. However, He also wants to be Lord of your life.

You and I have been deceived. We have been misled by religious teachings, religious preachers, denominational spirits, witchcraft, flattery, and divination. We have not been told the truth. We have been taught a partial truth. We have been taught deception.

Hosea 10:13 says that we have eaten the fruit of lies. We have believed these lies and have been led astray. However, Romans 10:13 tells us, "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*" Do you believe that?

You may say, "I was born in church." What does that have to do with salvation? Have you ever believed that Jesus is your Lord and that He was raised from the dead? Have you told Him so?

You might say, "Well, I have been to crusades and made decisions, and I have dedicated my life to Christ." What does that mean? You cannot dedicate your life to Christ unless you have first believed that He was raised from the dead and have confessed Him as Lord.

If you do not believe that Jesus was raised from the dead and that He is Lord, you cannot make a dedication. Therefore, your re-dedicating, your re-joining, and your getting your name on a church roll do not mean a thing. They are worthless acts.

If you do not believe that Jesus died and rose again, and if you do not confess Him as Lord, you cannot even be saved. Do you see that? Jesus said, "*Repent ye, and believe the gospel.*" Change your will and have the will of God. Believe that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again.

CHAPTER 9

REPENTANCE AND BELIEF IN THE GOSPEL

After repentance, you must do something. You must believe the gospel. By believing the gospel and submitting your life to the gospel, you allow Jesus to exercise His Lordship in your life. If you want Jesus to be your Lord, you have to believe the gospel.

Romans 10:9 says that you must believe that Jesus was raised from the dead and confess Him as Lord. Then He will be your Lord. If you do not believe He was raised from the dead, He will not be Lord. If He is not your Lord, you are not saved. It is that simple.

Believe the Bible. Do not believe preachers, and do not believe me. Search it out for yourself. Search the scriptures and find out if what I am teaching is true.

Better yet, get your Bible and open it today to Romans 10:8-10. See for yourself that these words are true. Read I Corinthians 15:1-4 and Mark 1:14-15 and see that they are true.

I Corinthians 15:2 says that if we do not believe Jesus was raised from the dead, our believing is vain, or void. If you want Christ to be Lord of your life, you will have to confess Him so.

You will have to believe that Jesus was raised from the dead and confess Him as Lord. Then He will become Lord of your life. By doing so, you will have submitted your life to Him.

People say, "Jesus is my Lord." Then you ask them, "Do you believe the gospel?"

"Oh, yeah!"

"Do you believe the death, burial, and resurrection?"

“Oh, yeah!”

“Do you believe it is the power of God?”

“I do not know.”

“Do you have any power in your life?”

“No, but I believe that Jesus is my Lord.”

I walked through crowds like that. They would not know Jesus if He were to show up on a donkey. They have only heard about Him. I am not putting them down. I am simply trying to tell you that they do not know Jesus the man.

He is a man, you know? It previously would have astonished me to say “the man.” Religious people say, “Oh, do not be so disrespectful. He is the Son of God.”

Well, He was a Jew. He was a carpenter. He was Mary’s son. He was indistinguishable from the rest of the people until He received the Holy Ghost and spent 40 days in the wilderness--fasting and speaking the Word of God to the devil.

He overcame the devil and returned to Galilee in the ability of the Holy Spirit. Jesus called His disciples, and they went into Capernaum. There, on the sabbath, He taught in the synagogue. The people were astonished when the demons screamed out of the man.

That is the true Jesus! He did that then, and He is doing the same thing today. We are living in an exciting time.

Jesus said, “*Repent ye, and believe the gospel*”--the death, burial, and resurrection. If you do not believe anything else, believe the gospel. That is all that is necessary.

You need to know how I started walking with God. I thought much knowledge would give me much power. I read every book I could. I read preachers' books and listened to their tapes. I had a tape recorder in my car. I had Bibles in my car. I had Old and New Testament tapes in my car. I was reading everyone's books, listening to tapes, and dying every day.

God said that the power of God is in the gospel. I thought that was too simple. How could that be? The power of God is in the fact that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again the third day. Jesus said to me, "Doyle, repent and believe the gospel!"

The farther I walk with God, the more my walk returns to the basic truth. Do not forget to believe that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again. That is the power of God unto salvation to people who believe the truth. That is what this book is all about. It is teaching you Christianity--the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

Did you know that many Christians still have Jesus in a manger? They continue to perceive Him as a baby. Many others still have Him on the cross. Few people know the true Jesus--the resurrected Jesus. They know the historical Jesus, but they do not know the Christ who rose from the dead.

I have told this story many times in church and in Bible school. It is coming up in my spirit now:

I was standing out in my yard one day and thinking about when I was raised in church. My father and mother have been Christians more than 60 years. From the Bible, I knew about David. I knew about Abraham. I had heard about Elijah. They seemed like men. They appeared to be rather far-out men, but they were men.

However, Jesus was like some alien being that was unapproachable. He was light-years away from me. I thought that it would be so nice if I could only know this man.

I said to God, “I want to know why David was like a man, and Abraham and Paul were men. Your Word says your Son was a man. Why is He so unapproachable?” God said to me, “The people at the church you attended did not have a revelation of my Son.”

We knew all of the men in the Bible after the flesh. You cannot know Jesus after the flesh. II Corinthians 5:16 says, “Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.”

We once knew Jesus after the flesh. However, He died, was buried, and rose again the third day. Now we know Him as the resurrected Christ. He is alive unto God! If you know the true Jesus, the resurrected Jesus, He will do anything in you and me.

That is the Christ I want to know. That is the Jesus of Nazareth I want to understand. He is the one that rose again--not the one that was on the cross and is still up there suffering.

I do not want to hear about the religious Jesus. I do not have time to put Jesus in a manger at Christmas time. I am sorry to rip apart your doctrines, but I do not have time to waste. He is not in a manger. That is not the gospel.

Thank God that He is revealing the true gospel to you--the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. Repent of all the lies you have believed about the gospel and believe the truth!

CHAPTER 10

THE IMPORTANCE OF HEARING THE GOSPEL

You are probably beginning to wonder about what I am writing. I am so glad that I am being freed from my religious ways. I am happy that I can speak the way that I want to speak.

I have to get these words across to you and help you get a revelation of them. I am not concerned much any more whether anyone thinks that I conform to religious tradition's image of a preacher. I only want to please Jesus.

You must hear the gospel to believe it. Look again at Romans 10:13, which says, "*For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.*" Note the word "*whosoever.*" That word means everyone, including you and me.

Romans 10:14 says, "*How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?*" You cannot call on Him unless you believe! "*And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard?*" You cannot believe if you have not heard. "*And how shall they hear without a preacher?*" Someone must preach the gospel to you and me.

We are told in Galatians 3:8 that God preached the gospel to Abraham, saying, "*In thee shall all nations be blessed.*" That is the gospel, and God preached those words to Abraham. We will look at that later in another book.

You will have so much gospel in you after you have read this book that you will want another one exactly like it. You must get a revelation of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. It must be preached to you.

Romans 10:15 says:

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!

How shall you hear unless someone preaches the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ to you? You cannot.

The gospel I heard as a young man was not the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. Preachers would say, "Let us read the gospel." They would read the gospel according to Matthew. When they came to healing, they jumped over it. When they came to casting out devils, they could not even see that. They were so blind that they did not even know it was in the Bible!

John 3:16 is a Bible verse that I had heard, probably many thousands of times. In fact, it was on a sign board about a mile from my home. Every time I would go to town, I would see it. Below the sign, someone had the nerve to write, "If you do not believe this, you are going to hell!"

Jesus did not say that. He said that if you believed John 3:16, you would have everlasting life. Jesus said to preach the gospel. He did not say to write messages on sign boards telling people they were going to hell.

John 3:16 is in the Bible, and it is the gospel. However, I had no concept of what it meant. John 3:16 will do you no good unless it is revealed to you. The gospel is the power of God unto salvation to everyone who believes.

Continue looking at Romans 10:14 and 15. How can people hear, unless someone preaches? They cannot. How can they preach, unless they are sent? They cannot. Who sends them? Denominations? No! A church? No! God must send you! If He does not send you, you are not sent.

I was visiting with a man once. He said, "I would like to have

a doctor's degree from a recognized seminary so that people will accept me." He really said that! You would be shocked to find out how religion has distorted the ministry.

That man discovered that he would not be accepted unless he had a doctoral degree from a seminary. That is true unless God sends you. If God sends you, He will send you preaching the gospel of the kingdom. The people will receive you even if you are nothing but an ex-veterinarian.

In America today, most ministers have been exalted by one or more denominations. Ministers in the "Word" movement have not renounced their denominational doctrines. Jesus tells us in Mark 7:6-13 that teaching the commandments, or traditions, of man makes the Word of God of none effect. I am not putting these ministers down. They, like all of us, need to repent of their denominational doctrines.

God spoke to me when I was a practicing veterinarian and a Methodist lay speaker in McKinney, Texas--a small North Texas town. He said, "Go to Plano, Texas and speak to the people of Plano." I said, "Go to Plano and talk to them about what?" He said, "Turn to Acts 11 where Paul went to Antioch, and you will understand."

I turned to that chapter and God spoke to me. He said, "What took place in Antioch will take place in Plano." That is exactly what has happened.

I did not know any Christians in Plano, Texas. No one there was looking for me. Nevertheless, within a six-week period, people came to me. They had talked to people all over the United States of America, trying to find someone who would establish a church.

This group of Plano people had had two pastors in two years. They were a bruised group of Christians. A church would be started, and it would fail. Another church would begin, and it, too, would fail. Some of these people came to me and said, "Would you

pastor our church?”

I said, “No. I already have a ministry. I will come to Plano with the ministry I have. If you want to join it, you can.” They said, “We will go for anything now. We have been through enough splits.” That is how this ministry started.

God had told me, six weeks prior to this, to “go speak to the people of Plano.” I said, “The people from Plano do not even know me. They are not looking for me.” They were, however. They were saying, “Where is a man of God that will come here and speak the Word to us?”

One man said, “After I heard you, I did not want to hear you. After I heard what you said, I did not like your teachings.” He had asked God to send a man of God, but he did not really want to hear God’s words. He heard the Word, though. He is still in this church. It is by the grace of God that any of us are here.

Romans 10:15 states, “*How shall they preach, except they be sent?*” They cannot. Unless Jesus sends you, stay at home. If you do not believe that He was raised from the dead, He will not send you. He is not talking to you. It is another spirit.

Finally, read the last part of Romans 10:15:

...as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

When a preacher is sent, his feet will be shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. He will bring the good news of the gospel to you. You will then hear and see the gospel of the kingdom of God--the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 11

THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITH THAT COMES BY HEARING THE GOSPEL

Faith is necessary to believe, or obey, the Word of God. How do you get faith?

Faith comes by believing the gospel. Romans 10:17 says that faith comes by hearing, and hearing comes by the Word of God. If you want to hear and believe God's Word, you will have to hear the gospel.

Look at Romans 10:16:

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

The Word of God that you must hear is the gospel. However, not everyone believes the gospel. I want you to see that obeying the gospel and believing the gospel are the same.

Faith comes by believing the gospel. Faith does not come by having a positive confession of God's Word. Just because you confess yourself righteous, forgiven, or prosperous does not make your confession come to pass.

If you believe that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again the third day, you believe the gospel. If Jesus is Lord of your life, you will serve Him with your spirit in the gospel. If you believe the gospel, you will obey the gospel.

If you do not obey the gospel, you do not believe it. Let me emphasize that if you obey the gospel, you believe that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again the third day!

Do you know what Paul says in Philippians 3:5 and 6? He

says that he was a Pharisee and that touching the righteousness which is in the law, he was blameless. Then he says in verses 8-10:

Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ (v.8),

And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith (v.9):

That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death (v.10).

Do you know Jesus? Do you know the power of His resurrection which God worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead? Do you know that power? Or have you merely heard of Jesus?

Do you just know some religious Jesus whose picture or statue you saw in your church--one that had a crown of thorns on His head--an anemic, wormy, weak, pale-looking thing in a picture that they called Jesus? Well, my friend, you need to read the gospel.

Read Isaiah, chapters 52 and 53. Read Psalms 22, 88, and 89. See if you can find on those pages the Jesus that looks like the picture hanging in your church.

Then look at the resurrected Jesus in the first three chapters of Revelation. See if you can find your religious Jesus described there as He revealed himself to the apostle John. Does He look like that picture hanging in your church?

You would do yourself a favor if you got rid of that ridiculous

picture. It is not Christ. It is man's product, made to sell for a profit.

Do not be deceived. Faith does not come by obeying the law. Faith does not come by, "Thou shalt not covet." Faith does not come by, "Thou shalt not commit adultery." Faith does not come by, "Thou shalt not bear false witness." Faith does not come by, "Thou shalt honor thy father and mother."

Faith comes by believing that Jesus died, was buried, rose again on the third day, and that He ascended into heaven. He is seated there today, making intercession for you.

You are seated there [in heaven] in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:6), and you are blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places (Ephesians 1:3). Hear and believe that. That is the way faith comes.

CHAPTER 12

THE IMPORTANCE OF HEARING AND KEEPING THE WORD

Three accounts in the New Testament -- Matthew, Mark, and Luke -- describe the parable of the sower. Mark 4:9 tells us that if we have ears to hear, we are to hear the Word of God.

Jesus taught the parable of the sower. He said that the sower goes and sows the Word. The Word that is sown is that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again the third day.

Examine the scripture in Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Matthew 13:23 says, "*Heareth the word, and understandeth it;...*" Mark 4:20 says, "*Such as hear the word, and receive it,...*" Finally, Luke 8:15 says, "*Having heard the word, keep it,...*"

If you hear and understand, hear and receive, and hear and keep God's Word, do you know what will happen to you? That Word will convert you.

You must hear and receive it. You must receive these words--that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again for you. Just for you! Had there not been another person on the face of this earth, He would have died and would have been raised again for you. Hear and receive the Word of God.

What does Matthew 13:23 mean? "*Heareth the word, and understandeth it;...*" [God's Word]?" Understand what? That He died for you! He died, and He went to hell. He was there three days. He was there for you. Do you understand that?

Jesus rose again through the faith of the operation of God. If you will hear these words, and understand and keep them, then they will convert you. Do you know what conversion will do for you?

It will change your life.

The world has had preached to it that people must make a religious decision--that they must make a decision this day to follow Jesus. Religion has a song entitled, "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus." You cannot just decide to follow Jesus. You can come to Him only if the Father which has sent Him draws you (John 6:44).

Jesus said in Matthew 16:24, "*If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*" You do not decide. You simply take up your cross and follow Jesus.

When you follow Him, He is going to lead you in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. God is the One who leads you unto repentance. God is the One who will lead you in paths of righteousness.

You will encounter a time in your walk with Jesus when you will think that you cannot follow Him another step. Then He will show you Romans 8:35-39. He will tell you that neither present things, future things, nor height, depth, persecution, affliction, troubles, or any other thing can separate you from the love of God.

II John, verse 6 says:

And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it.

Unless Jesus takes your life and leads you in paths of righteousness, you are not going anywhere. You may think that you are following Jesus by joining a church. You may think that you are following Jesus by joining an organization. You may think that you are following Jesus by preaching the gospel, or your version of the gospel.

Let me be blunt. If we are not led by the Spirit of God,

Hebrews 12:8 and Romans 8:14 tell us that we are bastards! It is that simple. Do you know what a bastard is? A bastard is one who is without a father.

John 14:18 says that people without the Holy Ghost are comfortless. They are fatherless. They do not have a father. They do not know their Father. Unless you have the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which comes by hearing the gospel and is evidenced by speaking in other tongues, you are just a spiritual orphan.

Listen, I have been there. That is why I teach what I teach. That is why I can share what I share. I speak plain words. If I do not speak plain words, as Jesus puts them in my heart and in my mouth, then they will not profit you.

Further, if I shun to declare unto you all the counsel of God (Acts 20:27), it will not profit you, nor will it profit me. I do not want to find myself a castaway! I want to find myself a profitable, faithful servant when I stand at the Great White Throne Judgment.

Hear the gospel and keep it. Believe that Jesus died for you, was buried, and rose again the third day. Believe these words!

CHAPTER 13

OUR GOD REIGNS

In Isaiah, chapter 52, the prophet Isaiah prophesied by the Spirit of God, about 750 years prior to Jesus' coming, dying, being buried, and rising again. He prophesied in verse 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!

Does your God reign? Or do you know Jesus just as Savior? Have you ever been told that Jesus reigns?

I Corinthians 15:25 and 26 say:

For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet (v.25).

The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death (v.26).

Have you ever read that?

Notice what I Corinthians 15:24 says: "When he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power." He is going to reign until all rule, authority, and power have been put down. Would you agree?

Isaiah 52:8 says, "Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion."

Do you see the last part of this verse? "For they shall see eye to

eye, when the Lord shall bring again Zion.“ If Methodists, Baptists, Pentecostals, Catholics, and all other denominations do not see eye to eye, Jesus is not your Lord, and you are not in Zion.

Do not kid yourself! If you are a denominational person, Word person, charismatic, or something else, and if you do not teach the same doctrine, then you do not see eye to eye. If you do not see eye to eye, then you cannot walk in fellowship, one with another.

I John 1:7 states: *”But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”* See this!

”Eye to eye...” *”Walk in the light...”* Jesus is the Light. He is the Word that was manifested in the flesh. There is no place for denominations. There is no place for divisions in the body of Christ because all should see eye to eye.

Amos 3:3 makes this statement: *”Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”* They cannot. How can you see eye to eye unless you have the same doctrine? You cannot have your Pentecostal, Baptist, Methodist, *”Word,”* or other doctrine, and say that you are of Christ unless your doctrine agrees with the doctrine of Christ. You are only kidding yourself. You are deceived, my friend.

In I Timothy 1:3, Paul says, *“That thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine,...”* That verse says, *“No other doctrine.”*

The Bible is simple. It is written on a fifth grade level. If you can read on a fifth grade level, you can read the Bible. If you will humble yourself, God will give you understanding.

Notice the last part of Isaiah 52:8, *“They shall see eye to eye”*-glory be to God--*“when the Lord shall bring again Zion.”* Zion is surely the church.

God is going to bring the church into unity--eye to eye. Ephesians 4:3 says we should “*endeavour...to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*” “*Keep the unity of the Spirit.*” “*Endeavour...to keep it.*” God is going to bring us eye to eye.

Ephesians 4:13 says, “*Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God,...*” This verse tells us that we must come into the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God. Then we will see eye to eye.

You are going to have to walk with me whether you like it or not, because the doctrine I preach is Jesus. His doctrine is coming forth from His throne, by His Spirit, through my heart. You will have to walk with me and see eye to eye. You cannot hide behind your denominational doctrine. You cannot hide behind falsehoods and lies and say that you love Jesus. That cannot be true.

Jesus is confronting you and challenging you this day because of your hypocritical actions:

A PROPHECY

I say to you, if you will humble yourself, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from your wicked ways, you will hear from heaven. I will forgive your sins of rebellion. I will heal your land. The Lord would say unto you, that you have sought ways that are not My ways. You have gone after ways that are not Mine. You have gone after strange gods. You have gone after gods of prosperity and gods of healing, where there are no such gods. You have not sought the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the God that healeth thee, the God that giveth you wealth, the God that causes you to prosper, the God that prospereth your soul, and, accordingly, will prosper you and give you health. But you have sought strange gods and sought gods that do not exist. You have departed from the way and erred and have coveted money and filthy lucre. You have pierced asunder your own soul. You departed from the

God that loves you. Humble yourself this day, and return to God, the God that loves you, your first love, the God that led you out of the wilderness, the God that revealed Himself unto you, healed you and made you prosperous, forgave your sins and led you in a right way. Then God will receive you this day, saith the Lord. He will receive you as a sheep gone astray, and bring you into that fold, and plant you. Then you will be to Him a blessing in the earth, saith the Lord.

Well, praise God! God spoke to me five years ago and said that the church of America could not discern its left hand from its right hand. That was five years ago in July, 1985. He told me at that moment in time, "I am going to judge the United States of America with your mouth."

I could not believe that then, but I do now. I accept that. If you can accept that, praise God. If you cannot, that is fine, too. That is not a problem to me. That is between God and you.

When God brings again Zion, the church will see eye to eye. Praise God! The church will see eye to eye when it has heard the gospel and has believed it. Jesus died, was buried, and rose again the third day. This is a great time to serve God and obey Him!

CHAPTER 14

SUMMARY

In this book, I have given you a basic introduction to the gospel of the Lord Jesus. You have seen throughout this book that the gospel is that Jesus died, was buried, and rose again the third day.

Also, you have seen that preaching is simply the proclaiming of the gospel. There is no place for interpretation or speculation. These words are written simply.

Further, you have seen that the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus is the only true gospel. It is the power of God unto salvation for all of those who believe it. You must stand, or continue, in the gospel, or your believing is in vain.

The gospel of the kingdom of God is always preached with authority and always has the power of God associated with it. Religionists have perverted the gospel by preaching the Word only—usually their word. They seldom manifest any power. This is a false gospel, and those who preach any other gospel besides the true gospel are accursed.

You were instructed in Mark 1:14 and 15 to repent and believe the gospel. Repentance is the changing of your will to God's will. After repenting, you must believe the gospel. To believe the gospel, you must have heard it. And you must have heard and seen the gospel from a preacher who was sent by the Holy Ghost.

According to Acts 8:5 and 6, Philip preached Christ [the gospel] to the Samaritans. The people paid attention as Philip spoke. They heard and saw the miracles which he did. If a preacher is sent, he will preach the gospel to you. That gospel will bring glad tidings of good things to you!

If you need salvation, you must believe Romans 10:9 and 10. You must believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead.

You must confess Jesus as Lord of your life. This is simple--no sinner's prayer and no walking down an aisle. Just obey God's Word.

Faith comes by hearing the gospel of Jesus Christ. Remember, you must have heard the Word from a preacher sent by God. Then you can believe God and call on Him in faith.

Preachers have told you to confess Jesus as Savior or Healer or as the One who can give you prosperity or peace. However, you can have continuous healing, prosperity, and other blessings only if Jesus is your Lord.

How can you know if Jesus is your Lord? If you hear the gospel and obey it, then Jesus is your Lord. James 1:22 says that if you are a hearer of the Word only, and not a doer, you are deceived. Who wants to be deceived? No one. Then hear the gospel and keep it. Meditate on it day and night.

Finally, in Isaiah, chapter 52, you saw that God reigns. You and I will see eye to eye when the Lord shall bring again Zion. The church will come into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of Jesus (Ephesians 4:13). Denominational doctrines and other false doctrines will be demolished. The true gospel will be preached--the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus.

Ephesians 4:3-6 says that you and I shall endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, and one baptism. Also, there is one God and Father of all, who is above all, through all, and in all of us. Praise be to God!

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