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## **TO TELL THE TRUTH**

### **KINGDOM GOSPEL LIFESTYLE**

Romans 5:10, *"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life"* ("saved" 4982 σωζω sozo sode'-zo, to keep safe).

The believer's salvation lies in the blood of Christ and His resurrection life, whereby the believer is forgiven and reconciled to God.

- (1) This experience is initial salvation (Rom 3:21-26; 4:5-9).
- (2) The believer continues to be saved by a living faith and union with the living Christ:
  - (a) Committed and obedient to Christ, His Word, and His purposes (John 14:21-26);
  - (b) Transformed and Renewed mind (Rom 12:1-2; Eph 4:23);
  - (c) Faith (Heb 12:6);
  - (d) Growth and Power (1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 1:2-11; Acts 1:8);
  - (e) Kingship and Priesthood (1 Peter 2:4-5,9).

Acts 4:33, *"And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all."*

"Great power" is the distinguishing characteristic of apostolic preaching and witness (cf. Ac 1:8) for three reasons:

- (1) Apostolic witness was based on God's Word (Ac 4:29-30) and the conviction that it was given by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit (Mk 16:19-20).
- (2) The disciples were conscious that they had been sent and commissioned by Jesus Christ Himself, the resurrected Lord to heal the sick and cast out demons.
- (3) The Holy Spirit through the disciples brought great conviction upon those who heard the gospel concerning personal sin, the righteousness of Christ, and the judgment of God (Joh 16:8).

### **RESTORATION OF ALL THINGS**

Mr 9:12 *And he answered and told them, Elias verily cometh first, and restoreth all things; and how it is written of the Son of man, that he must suffer many things, and be set at nought."*

“RESTORETH” (600 ἀποκαθίστημι *apokathistemi* ap-ok-ath-is'-tay-mee) means to restore to its former state). This is the basic teaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom.

FULL GOSPEL or HALF GOSPEL – Which one do you follow?

1Co 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; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures.”*

Believers are not those who merely have faith in Jesus Christ. Rather believers are those who have faith in Jesus Christ as He is revealed in the full message of the gospel (1Co 15:1-4). Their faith in Christ is always bound to God’s Word and the doctrine of the apostles (1Co 11:2,23; 15:1,3; Ro 6:17; Ga 1:11-12). For this reason, believers can be described as people who

- (1) submit to the Christ of the Bible as their Lord and Savior and
- (2) who live under the Word of God.
  - (a) They submit without reservation to its authority,
  - (b) hold firmly to its teaching,
  - (c) trust its promises,
  - (d) heed its warnings, and
  - (e) follow its commands.
- (3) They are a people captive to the Word of God, using the Scriptures to test all human ideas and accepting nothing that is contrary to the Bible.

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THE FULL GOSPEL includes THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

The Gospel of Christ and the Gospel of the Kingdom are synonymous. Both are Biblical, here now, operative now, and achievable now by every born-again child of God.

- (1) By God’s grace, acceptance of Jesus Christ by faith as Savior and Lord, His shed blood and willing sacrifice through death for sin, and His bodily resurrection from the dead brings us forgiveness, salvation, and deliverance from the power of sin, demonic powers, and the world, and promises eternal life to the faithful and obedient believer.
- (2) The believer is “kept safe” by living the life of Christ, “saved by his life” (Gal 2:20);
  - (a) Seeking to manifest full “sonship” (John 1:12; Eph 4:13-16);
  - (b) Accepting full restoration to “kingship and priesthood” in fellowship with Christ and God the Father through the Holy Spirit (John 17:13-23, 1Co 3:9; Rev 1:6; 5:10).