

A CLARIFICATION OF THE GOSPEL SELECTED SCRIPTURES

INTRODUCTION

I will have to confess to you this morning that the events of the last couple of weeks have made me struggle with two emotions. One is Anger and the other is Sorrow.

I am Angry over the confusion that has been created concerning the gospel of Jesus Christ and I feel such sorrow for the millions of people that are being led astray by a misrepresentation of the Gospel.

Two conversations that I had with a friend this week and a few news articles I have read have opened my eyes anew to the cold hard reality that the Devil is playing fast and loose with the truth of the gospel. The Darkness is deepening and the gulf is expanding. Men and Women are dying and going to hell everyday and sadly some believing they are dying for the gospel and are lost for eternity.

1. The first conversation I had was about a mutual friend that was desirous of learning the Bible, So couple of jehovah witnesses were eager to oblige. A person who at one time attended a large Baptist Church near here was quickly being led down a path of heresy to deny the deity of Jesus Christ and embrace a works salvation
2. The second conversation I had was with a friend of mine who is a minister. We were discussing different preachers that appear on TV, David Jeremiah, Charles Stanley,

Andy Stanley and Adrian Rogers, all good up to this point, then he ask me If I liked Joel Osteen, because he thought his messages were so encouraging. Well, I said “He is a Heretic of the worst kind, because he pretends to preach the Gospel.” My friend then said, “But he does preach it, even though he may not talk about sin, he preaches the Gospel,” I just about blew my top. You cant have the gospel without understanding we are sinners. We need the bad news to see the need for the good news.

3. News articles I read,

Of more Christian singers, coming out of the closet on there homosexuality. most recently

Vicky Beeching

A huge star on the American evangelical **Christian** scene

Lesbian Christian singer goes back to church -- with a different message

When Christian singer-songwriter Jennifer Knapp acknowledged her homosexuality a few years ago, she figured she was done singing in churches. She already had walked away from her eight-year career in contemporary Christian music in 2002 because her theological views no longer toed the evangelical line.

By Greg Warner

To her surprise, a decade later, the folk-rock artist is singing again – and mostly in churches. She performed April 20 at First Baptist Church of Decatur, Ga., as part of the [Baptist] Conference on Sexuality and

Covenant, hosted by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and the Center for Theology and Public Life at Mercer University.

The sad thing today is that to many people, and preachers are included in this, have only parts of the gospel, but not all and therefore are leading people to hell, while they believe all along they are going to heaven.

Can we understand for a moment the situation we face now. There are people today, who are facing incredible evil at the hands of Islamic extremist and are standing for what they believe the gospel is and having their heads cut off and their family members and children killed and all the time dying for the wrong Gospel!!!!!!

Pauls Concern. Galatians 1

This is very serious.

We all have a common enemy that is knocking at the door. That desires you every day, is steadfast in its pursuit of you, never sleeps or slumbers, never gets tired
Its the common enemy of all mankindDEATH

You are going to die

I am going to die

If we don't get this message right, we are going to hell

This is not a matter of getting a math problem right or making the right choice about a job or anything else for that matters.

Its literally life and death
Heaven or Hell

I. WE MUST ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

A. WE ARE SINNERS

ECC 7:20 Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins.

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

B. WE ARE SENTENCED TO DEATH

Romans 3: 23 The wages of sin is death

*LUK 16:22-24 Now the poor man **died** and was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also **died** and was buried. In **Hades** he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and *saw Abraham far away and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for **I am in agony in this flame.**'*

REV 21:8 *"But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part will be in the lake that **burns** with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."*

C. WE ARE TO REPENT

- 1. Acts 2:36-38**
- 2. Acts 3:19**
- 3. Acts 5:30-31**
- 4. Acts 8:22**
- 5. Acts 11:18**
- 6. Acts 17:30**
- 7. Acts 26:19-20**

II. WE MUST ACCEPT OUR SAVIOUR

A. WE MUST BELIEVE

- 1. HE IS GOD**
 - (1) John 1:1
 - (2) John 5:18
 - (3) John 10:30-33
- 2. HE IS SAVIOUR**
 - (1) John 3:16
 - (2) John 14:6
 - (3) John 8:21-24

(4) Colossians 1:13-18

3. HE IS LORD

(1) ROMANS 10:9-10

(2) COLOSSIANS 1:2,3

III. WE MUST ACCENT TO OUR SOVEREIGN

1. John 8:30-32

2. Romans 2:6-11

3. Eph. 2:8-10

4. Matt 7:21-22

A W Tozer wrote

“To accept Christ is to form an attachment to the Person of our Lord Jesus altogether unique in human experience. ... This attachment is all-inclusive in that it joyfully accepts Christ for all that He is. There is no craven division of offices whereby we may acknowledge His Saviorhood today and withhold decision on His Lordship tomorrow. ... Further, his attachment is all-exclusive. The Lord becomes to him not one of several rival interests, but the one exclusive attraction forever. He orbits around Christ as the earth orbits around the sun, held in thrall by the magnetism of His love, drawing all his life and light and warmth from Him.”