

The "5 Truths" of the Gospel

Truth #1: Already Forgiven – all of your sins were forgiven on the Cross of Christ, except the sin of unbelief. Mark 3:28; Romans 5:10a; John 16:8-9

Truth #2: Made Clean – when you trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God takes out your old sinful spirit (heart) and gives you a brand, new clean heart. Romans 6:6; Romans 6:17-18; John 3:3,7

Truth #3: Made Righteous – as a Christian, you are now righteous in your spirit because Jesus, in the form of the Holy Spirit, lives in you. 2 Peter 1:4

Truth #4: In Union – you are "in Christ" because Jesus joins as one with you in your spirit. John 14:20; 1 Corinthians 6:17; Colossians 1:27

Truth #5: By Faith – you are righteous on the inside but your body is still dead to sin. Follow by faith the inner life of Christ so that you can live a righteous life. Romans 8:10; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 3:3b

The "5 Keys" to Understanding the New Testament

Key #1: Teaching of the Holy Spirit - only the Holy Spirit can make the Bible come alive since your human mind is incapable of understanding God's spiritual truths. 1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Key #2: Proper Context - the New Testament must be understood in its proper Jewish context. Otherwise, the message gets misinterpreted and is dramatically changed. Romans 9:4; John 4:22b

Key #3: Spiritual Beings - all people have an inner spirit and an outer mortal body. Christians have a "born again" spirit that is righteous, but they still live in their not-yet-redeemed mortal bodies. 2 Corinthians 4:16, 5:1-6; Ephesians 4:24

Key #4: Jesus Emptied Himself - Jesus lived by the power of the Holy Spirit that He received at His baptism. Jesus lived by faith and not by His own power. Therefore, He is your model for a life of faith. John 14:10b; Matthew 12:28; Matthew 12:18

Key #5: Hebrew Law - God gave the Law only to the Jews; the Gentiles have never been under the Law. Romans 2:14; Hebrews 7:18, 28; Hebrews 8:13

Mark 3:28 Truly I say to you, **all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men.**



2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that **we might become the righteousness of God in Him.**



Ephesians 4:24 and put on the new self, **which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness** of the truth.



1 Peter 1:23 for **you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable**, that is, through the living and abiding word of God.

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The True Gospel of Jesus

Many Christians do not understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ as it was taught by the Apostles because they have been taught it incorrectly. The Gospel is very "Good News."



You are already **forgiven** ...



When you trust in Christ as Savior, you are given a new, **clean heart.**



The Holy Spirit comes to live in your new, clean heart to make you **literally righteous** by His indwelling presence.



You are in **union** with Christ; you are "in Christ" and Christ is in you.



You live by **faith** from the power of the Holy Spirit in you.

The Traditional Gospel

An amazing yet tragic fact in the Christian Church is that most Christians do not understand the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the Bible teaches it. For centuries, scholars and church leaders attempted to interpret Scripture apart from the “illuminating revelation” of the Holy Spirit.

Also, early Gentile church leaders distanced themselves from their Jewish brethren. Consequently the letters of the Apostles were interpreted from a Gentile perspective instead of their proper Jewish context. The New Testament was misinterpreted and many serious mistakes were made; the true understanding of the Gospel has now been lost to most Christians.

The traditional “gospel” says the only the sins of believers are forgiven and that Christians remain sinners even after they trust in Christ Jesus as their Savior. It also says that the Holy Spirit convicts believers of their sins and “helps” them live a life pleasing to God.

The indwelling life of Christ, the central dynamic of every Christian’s life, is rarely taught in most churches today. Every Christian has the life and the power of the Holy Spirit in them. Although sinless, Jesus still lived by faith in the power of the Holy Spirit that He received at His baptism. Jesus is your model for a life of faith.

John 14:10b ... The words that I {Jesus} say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.

What the True Gospel Really Says

All sins of **all** people were **forgiven** for all time on the Cross of Jesus Christ, **except for the sin of unbelief** that Christ is Savior. This single sin of rejecting Christ is the barrier that people place before God and His free offer of salvation unto eternal life through faith in Christ Jesus. When you do trust in Christ as Savior, God **removes** your old sinful spirit and **replaces** it with a brand new, **clean heart**.

Then, the Holy Spirit comes to live in your new heart to make you **literally righteous** by His indwelling presence as He joins as one with you in spirit.

Whereas your inner spirit is redeemed and righteous, your outer mortal body has not yet been redeemed. Thus, your spirit is alive because of righteousness but your body is still dead because of sin (see Romans 8:10).

This means that the Christian life is living in **union** with Christ in your spirit and following Him by **faith** in your mortal body and human soul (soul is defined as your human thoughts and emotions). Christ lives His righteous life through you, and you trust Him and follow Him in faith.

Galatians 2:20a "I have been crucified with Christ; and **it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me**; and **the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God**, ...

Why the Differences?

Why does the original, authentic Gospel of Jesus Christ differ in such dramatic ways from today’s traditional gospels? One of the reasons is that church leaders assumed that the Old Covenant Law was also applied to the Gentiles. Most teaching today says that Gentiles are under the Law until they trust in Christ as Savior; then, they are redeemed from the Law (see Galatians 3:13 which is speaking to the Jews, not the Gentiles).

The Gentiles have never been under the Law; rather, they had their conscience to guide their behavior (see Romans 2:14). By the time the Gentiles were even offered salvation through the Cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Law had become the ministry of “death” and “condemnation” (see 2 Corinthians 3:6-9).

So what is a believer’s relationship to the Law today? The spirit of the Law, its representation of God’s holiness, is eternal. But the doing of the Law was replaced by Jesus Christ 2,000 years ago because He fulfilled it. The Law under the Old Covenant was external, powered and accomplished by human self-effort. The “laws” of God under the New Covenant are internal, powered and accomplished by the spiritual power of Jesus Christ in the heart of every believer. The Old was imperfect because of human weakness; the New is perfect because of Jesus Christ.

All are forgiven but only believers are saved because only they are **born again** in their spirits.