



# GIVING YOU JESUS

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*And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.*

— Matthew 24:14

**W**hat do you believe? Our beloved nation is melting down. The jettisoning of traditional Judeo-Christian values has seemed to erupt at warp speed. Lying, corruption, deception, betrayal, and greed are becoming the norm. Fear, rage, lawlessness, murder, suicides, drug and alcohol abuse seem out of control. The signs the Bible gives which characterize the last generation of human history are warning indicators. Could it be our world is coming under God's final judgment? If so, then the time before Jesus returns for His followers is running out.

How, then, should we live? It's critical that we be about His business.<sup>1</sup> First and foremost, you and I, as followers of Jesus, need to know what we believe. Then we need to be willing to stand up for it and speak out about it. The apostle Paul wrote the Roman believers with deep conviction: *I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.*<sup>2</sup> What is the gospel? The following is a summary of the gospel from God's Word...

Everyone born into the human race is born with a sin nature, so that all are sinners.<sup>3</sup>

The consequence of sin is not only physical death, but spiritual death—separation from God now and in eternity.<sup>4</sup>

But God so loved the entire world of humanity that He sent His own Son, Jesus, into the world to die as an atoning sacrifice for our sin, so that whoever believes in Him will not perish separated from God, but will have eternal life.<sup>5</sup>

When we confess that we are sinners, ask God to apply the death of Jesus to our sin and forgive us, He will.<sup>6</sup>

Following the crucifixion of Jesus, God raised Him from the dead to give us new life here and life in Heaven when we die.<sup>7</sup>

When we respond and receive Jesus by faith into our hearts, He comes into us in the person of His Spirit, so that we are born again as children of God, forgiven of our sins, and receive eternal life.<sup>8</sup>

When we claim Jesus Christ by faith as our Savior and Lord, we pass from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to God, from death to life.<sup>9</sup>

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*The five sessions for our new Bible study, Jesus Followers, were filmed in my father's house in Montreat, NC. It is now empty, emphasizing that what he left behind was a legacy, not of possessions, but of the gospel. The above session is on worship and was filmed in the front yard that, even on a cloudy day, gives a spectacular view from the top!*

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*My dear friends, JoAnn and Tom Doyle, flew to our AnGeL Ministries office to film two installments for JoAnn's TV program, Flourish, that is viewed by tens of thousands of women in Iran. Rachel-Ruth, along with her youngest daughter and my granddaughter, Riggan, and I were blessed to engage in conversation that emphasized the legacy of faith through the generations.*

**A**nd the gospel is this...  
*Jesus said, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.'*<sup>10</sup>

*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved. Just the name of Jesus.*<sup>11</sup>

*If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.*<sup>12</sup>

*There is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all...*<sup>13</sup>

**S**o...do Jews need to be saved? Do Muslims also need to be saved? Do Russians, Iranians, Chinese and Hispanics need to be saved? Yes, they do. According to God's Word, whatever their religion is, or is not, no one is exempt from being a sinner. Each one of us needs a Savior. Which is why God has given Jesus to be the Savior of the world.<sup>14</sup>

Yet how can they believe unless they hear? And how will they hear unless you and I tell them the Good News that God loves them?<sup>15</sup> That regardless of what happens, they can have peace in their hearts at present and hope for the future?

That's the gospel that Paul was talking about. And that's the gospel we are to proclaim.

For His Glory,

*Heather Hutz*

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Matthew 24:46                 | 9 Acts 26:18;      |
| 2 Romans 1:16                   | 1 John 3:14;       |
| 3 Romans 3:23                   | Romans 8:10        |
| 4 Romans 6:23                   | 10 John 14:6       |
| 5 John 3:16                     | 11 Acts 4:12       |
| 6 1 John 1:9; Ephesians 1:7     | 12 Romans 10:9-10  |
| 7 Romans 8:11                   | 13 Romans 10:12-13 |
| 8 John 1:12; Ephesians 1:13-14; | 14 1 John 4:14     |
| 1 Timothy 1:16; 1 John 5:11-13  | 15 Romans 10:14    |



*What a blessing I was able to share with my youngest granddaughter, Riggan, as we enjoyed the Museum of the Bible together! Then I was given the privilege of speaking to several hundred people who gathered in the theater as part of the Museum's Sunday Sermon Series. I praise God for the light of His unchanging Word that is displayed at the Museum with such excellence, as it shines in a world that is increasingly dark. John 1:5*



# Bible Study: The Good News of the Gospel

## I. DEFINING IT

- \*Using one or more phrases from each of the following verses, define the gospel:  
Romans 3:23, Romans 3:10, Romans 1:18, Romans 6:23, John 3:16, I John 1:9, Revelation 3:20, John 1:12, Ephesians 1:13, Ephesians 2:8-9, 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- \*Read Peter's sermon at Pentecost in Acts 2:14-36; at the temple in Acts 3:12-26; to the religious leaders in Acts 4:8-12.
  - \*\*Give the main points, with verses, that are the same in each sermon.
  - \*\*How do these main points define the gospel?
- \*Give the phrases from Luke 24:1-7 that give these same points.
- \*In your own words, define the gospel as though telling it to someone who has never heard it.

## II. DECLARING IT

- \*Why was Paul obligated to declare the Good News of the gospel? Compare Romans 1:14 with I Timothy 1:12-16.
  - \*\*To whom did he declare it? Romans 1:16
  - \*\*Is anyone excluded from it? John 3:16, Acts 4:12
- \*What was Paul's attitude about declaring the gospel? Romans 1:15-16, II Timothy 1:8-12

- \*What was Peter's attitude about declaring the gospel? Acts 4:20
- \*What was the attitude of the early Christians towards declaring the gospel? Give phrases from Acts 4:18-31, 5:40-42.
- \*How does Paul describe you and me in II Corinthians 5:20?
- \*What is your attitude towards declaring the gospel? When was the last time you told someone about Jesus? Pray now and ask God to give you the opportunity this week to share the gospel with someone who doesn't know it – it's your obligation and privilege!
- \*As you look for opportunities to share the gospel, what encouragement do you receive from the promises in Luke 21:15? II Thessalonians 2:16-17?

## III. DEFENDING IT

- \*How does Jude challenge you and me to defend the gospel? Jude 3
- \*Why does Jude say this defense is necessary? Jude 4, 18
- \*How does Paul challenge us to defend the gospel in II Timothy 1:13-14?
- \*What warning do we need to heed in Galatians 1:3-9? What are some "other gospels" being preached today?
- \*What do we need to do personally in order to be strong defensively as we share the gospel according to Ephesians 6:10-18? Who is our adversary? See Ephesians 6:12.

*In a pluralistic, politically correct, inclusive, tolerant society, what will you do to define, declare, and defend the Good News of the gospel?*

## Intercession



*Anne led thousands of women to study their Bibles and raise white flags of surrender to Jesus in Kyiv, Ukraine, 2005. Where are they now?*

## PRAISE

- \*For the Spirit's inspiration to write and edit a Bible study workbook to accompany the new *Jesus Followers* curriculum (to be released in the Fall of 2022).
- \*For the completion of the video filming for the new Bible study for *Jesus Followers*.

## PRAYER

- \*For the completion of the draft of Anne and Rachel-Ruth's new book, *Preparing to Meet Jesus*, due for publication in the Spring of '23.
- \*For the video editing of the new Bible study to bring life to the content, compelling viewers to ignite faith in the next generation.
- \*For God's wisdom to discern which opportunities are His assignments.

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