

My Gospel: the Uniqueness of Paul's Gospel

- I. This study is developed from my study of 1 Thessalonians, particularly 1 Thess. 1:5 where Paul uses the phrase "our gospel" when speaking of how the gospel was presented to the Thessalonians.
- II. Paul is the only NT author to use the personal pronoun "my" or "our" in conjunction with the term "gospel." (Rom. 2:16; 16:25; II Cor. 4:3; I Thess. 1:5; II Thess. 2:14; II Tim. 2:8).
 - A. Paul was not afraid to take ownership of the gospel message that he was preaching.
 - B. Because of such pronouns, some scholars and higher critics have used this and other teachings of Paul to prove that he is preaching a gospel that is different from what the rest of the apostles proclaimed.
 - C. We know that Paul preached the same gospel as Peter and the other apostles, but let's see the evidence from Scripture.
- III. What did Paul teach in his gospel?
 - A. 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
 1. Christ died for our sins (Rom. 3:25; 2nd Cor. 5:21; Gal. 1:4)
 2. Christ was buried (Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12)
 3. Christ was raised on the third day (Acts 13:30; 2nd Tim. 2:8)
 4. He appeared to people
 - B. Other things Paul preached in his gospel
 1. Eternal life (Rom. 6:23)
 2. There would be a judgment (Rom. 2:16)
 3. It's the power of God (Rom. 1:16)
 4. Not by works (2 Tim. 1:9; Eph. 2:9; Tit. 3:5)
 5. Repentance (Acts 17:30; Rom. 2:4)
 6. Kingdom of God (Col. 1:13; 1st Thess. 2:12; 2nd Thess. 1:5)
 7. For Jews and Gentiles (Rom. 1:16; Eph. 3:6)
- IV. What did Scripture & the other apostles teach?
 - A. Christ died for our sins (Matt 26:28; 1st Pet. 2:24; 3:18; 1st John 2:2)
 - B. Christ was buried (Isaiah 53:9; Mk. 15:43-46)
 - C. Christ was raised on the third day (John 20:1-9; Acts 2:24, 32)
 - D. He appeared to people (Acts 1:3; Luke 24:36)
 - E. Eternal life (1st John 2:25; Jude 21)
 - F. Judgment (Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 16:27; Heb. 9:27; 1st Pet. 4:5; Rev. 20:11-15)
 - G. Power of God (Jer. 23:29; Heb. 4:12)
 - H. Not by works (Job 25:4; Isa. 57:12; 1st Pet. 1:3; 2:10)
 - I. Repentance (Acts 2:38-39; 3:19-20; Luke 24:47)
 - J. Kingdom of God (Heb. 12:28; Jas. 2:5; 2nd Pet. 1:11; Mk. 10:15)
 - K. For Jews & Gentiles (Acts 10)
- V. Paul and Peter agreed that their gospel message was the same, yet to different audiences (Gal. 1:8-2:9)

- A. Peter even affirms in his own writings that Paul's teachings are Scripture (2nd Pet. 3:15-16)
- VI. Conclusion: the gospel message is the same, just with different emphases and styles, depending on who was preaching it.