

CORINTHIAN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

SCRIPTURE READING:

“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15).

INTRODUCTION:

A. Out text is referred to as The Great Commission. The parallel passages for The Great Commission, can be found in Matthew 28:16-20; Luke 24:46-49; John 20:21-23, and Acts 1:8.

B. The Great Commission emphasizes the importance of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ, inviting others to believe in Him and Experience salvation.

C. Jesus command Believers – His followers – to preach (proclaim) The Gospel.

Jesus wants everyone to hear The Gospel. He does not want anyone to perish but for all to come to repentance.

- “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Pet 3:9).
- “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent” (Acts 17:30).
- “For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost” (Luke 19:10).

D. Gospel means “Good News” about Jesus Christ.

E. The G.O.S.P.E.L. – God’s Only Son Provides Eternal Life

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G. The Gospel is the Hope of the World

It is God’s message of “Good News” to a desperately sinful world in need of the Savior – Jesus Christ – The only means by which our sins are forgiven and Heaven is our eternal home.

I. THE GOSPEL IS GOD’S POWER TO SAVE

- “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Rom 1:16).

This Gospel tells how God by His power saves everyone who believes in His Son, regardless of their situation or circumstance.

II. THE GOSPEL MUST BE OBEYED FOR SALVATION

A. Peter's Question (1 Peter 4:17)

- "... what shall be the end of them that obey not the Gospel of God?"

B. Paul's Answer (2 Thess 1:7-9)

- "... flaming fire and ... everlasting punishment" will be the terrible consequences for those "that know not God and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ."

C. Everlasting Destruction

The "everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord" that Paul describes is hell – the place of eternal separation from God. In hell, people no longer have any hope for salvation. Those doomed to hell didn't want to know God and refused to accept his offer of salvation. They will be allowed to stay away from him – forever (Life Application Study Bible).

III. FACTS TO BELIEVE

A. The Gospel in a Nutshell

- "... Christ died for our sins ... He was buried, and .. He rose again the third day according to the Scripture" (1 Cor 15:3-4).

B. The Universality of The Gospel

The command to proclaim The Gospel to "every creature" means that it is available to all, regard less of background, social status, educational level, or sins committed. It is offered to all people everywhere.

- **The Universal Gospel**

The late Duke of Wellington once met a young clergyman, who, being aware of his Grace's former residence in the East, and of his familiarity with the ignorance and obstinacy of the Hindoos in support of their false religion, gravely proposed the following question: "Does not your Grace think it almost useless and absurd to preach the gospel to the Hindoos?" The Duke immediately rejoined: "Look, sir, to your marching orders, 'Preach the gospel to every creature.'" (Bible Hub)

- **Compel Them To Come In**

He would be a poor sportsman who would sit in his house and expect the game to come to him. He that would have it must go abroad for it, and he that would serve his Master must go into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in - (C. H. Spurgeon)

C. Jesus is Lord and Savior

1. Jesus is exalted at the right hand of God and rules as both Lord and Christ (Acts 2:33-36).
2. Jesus has all authority in Heaven and on earth (Matt 28:18; Eph 1:20-22; 1 Pet 3:22).

D. Jesus is Coming Again

Jesus is returning to fulfill prophecy and promises, including bringing Christians to be with Him in Heaven.

- “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also” (John 14:3).
- “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ” (Titus 2:13).
- No man knows the day and hour of Christ’s return (Matt 24:36; Mark 13:32; Luke 12:40).

E. The Urgency of Proclaiming The Gospel

The urgency to proclaim The Gospel stems from its life-changing message of Salvation and the limited time we have on earth. Human life is finite and death can come unexpectedly. Proclaiming The Gospel allows us to respond to the call of Salvation before it is too late.

IV. COMMANDS TO OBEY

A. Salvation is by Grace, through Faith, in Christ Jesus (Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7).

Salvation is not of works and cannot be earned “It is the Gift of God” – It is free and unconditional. This is the only basis by which God offers Salvation.

B. We must believe the Gospel – that Jesus died for our sins.

- “The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).
- “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him” (John 3:36).
- “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins” (John 8:24).

C. We Must Repent of Our Sins

Repent means “to turn away from sin and towards God, with sorrow or regret for wrongdoing. It is a change of mind or purpose along with an inward feeling of Godly sorrow and a turning away from sin” (KJV Dictionary).

- “⁴⁶ And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: ⁴⁷ And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem” (Luke 24:46-47).

D. We Must be Faithful to God

Faithfulness to God is about being loyal, trustworthy, steadfast and committed to His ways, even in the midst of adversity and calamity. Always trust in the Lord, even when matters are uncertain.

- Be faithful in prayer, Bible Study, evangelism, church attendance, and tithing and in serving others.

V. **PROMISES TO RECEIVE**

A. **The Forgiveness of Sin**

Our sins are washed away by the Blood of Jesus

- “For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (Matt 26:28).
- “In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace” (Eph 1:7).
- “In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins” (Col 1:14).
- “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7).

B. **The Gift of Eternal Life**

- “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom 6:23).
- “In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began” (Titus 1:2).

According to the KJV Dictionary, “Eternal Life refers to a life that endures without end, both in this life and in the life to come. It is a gift from God, offered through Jesus Christ, and is linked to having a relationship with God and following His teachings.”

C. **The Family of God**

Christian brothers and sisters are members of the Family of God.

- “¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. ¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶ The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God” (Rom 8:14-16).
- “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus” (Gal 3:26).
- “¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: ¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God” (John 1:12-13).
- **Christians are All Children of One Father**
Believers are brothers and sisters because they all have a special relationship with God the Father. Romans 8:14-16 explains: “For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, Abba! Father! The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”

The same chapter says: “And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be the firstborn among many brothers” (Romans 8:28-29). Jesus Christ is the only Son of God. But God adopts humans into His family, so that they all become spiritual brothers and sisters.- (Biblword.net)

- **Family of God Quotes**

“You are a son or daughter of God. You are a child of the King. You are written into God's will, and you are an heir of everything God has. You are a beneficiary of the lavish love of God, which has changed you from failure to family. Grace not only cancels guilt and shame; grace redefines you. You are a beloved family member of God, and because of that you are given a seat at the table with Almighty God.”
— Louie Giglio,

VI. BIBLICAL CONVERSIONS

A. The Philippian Jailer – “Keeper of the prison” (Acts 16:25-34).

B. “The Corinthians” (Acts 18:8).

The Philippian Jailer and “The Corinthians” heard The Gospel of Christ, obeyed The Gospel and became members of the Family of God.

Points to Ponder:

1. Have you heard and obeyed The Gospel of Jesus Christ?
2. Are you sharing The Gospel – The Good News about Christ?
3. Are you ready for the Second Coming of Christ?
4. Are you faithful to God and His Word?
5. **Are you prepared to meet the Lord?**

One day all will stand before God: At the Judgment Seat of Christ for **Believers** (2 Cor 5:10), or the Great White Throne Judgment for **Unbelievers** (Rev 20:11-15).

MEMORY VERSE:

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Cor 5:21).

CONCLUSION:

A. “(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)” (2 Cor 6:2).

- God is now offering salvation to all people. Many people put off a decision for Christ, thinking there will be a better time – but they could easily miss their opportunity altogether. There is no time like the present to receive God’s forgiveness. Don’t let anything hold you back from coming to God. – (Life Application Study Bible)

**B. What can wash away my sins, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

C. God's Plan For Enlarging His Kingdom

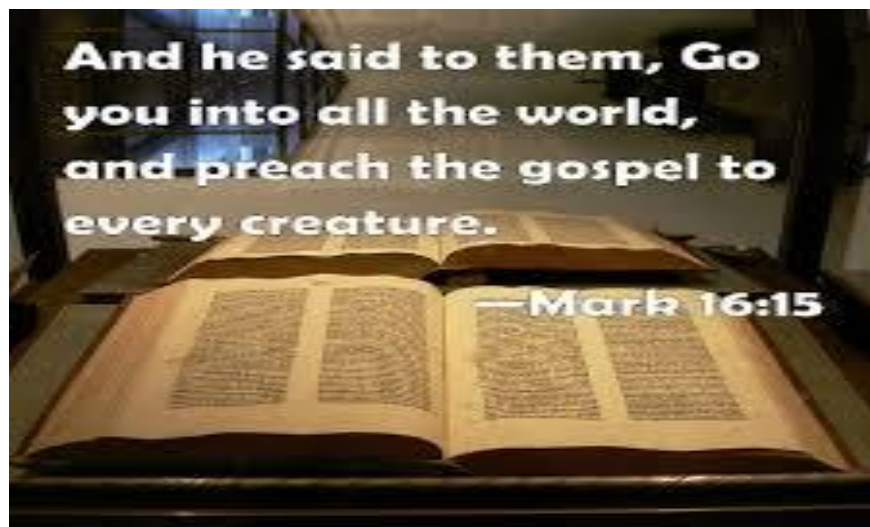
God's plan for enlarging His kingdom is so simple - one person telling another about the Savior. Yet we're busy and full of excuses. Just remember, someone's eternal destiny is at stake. The joy you'll have when you meet that person in heaven will far exceed any discomfort you felt in sharing the gospel – (Charles Stanley).

Challenge:

Be sure to share The Gospel with unsaved friends, relatives and others that you come in contact with – invite them to church, give them a Gospel Tract – let them know that Jesus Christ wants to be their Savior now and forevermore.

D. ABC's of Salvation

- **A – Admit** that you're a sinner and that you cannot save yourself (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9).
- **B – Believe** that Jesus died on the Cross and rose again for your sins (Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4).
- **C – Confess**/Call on Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior (Rom 10:9-13)



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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).