

## Message Two

### **The Word of the Truth of the Gospel**

Scripture Reading: Col. 1:5; Eph. 1:13; Gal. 1:11-12; 2:5, 14

#### **I. The gospel includes all the truths in the Bible; the entire Bible is the gospel of God—Col. 1:5; Eph. 1:13:**

- A. The truth is the gospel, and the light of the truth is the light of the gospel—Mark 1:1, 14-15; John 8:12, 32.
- B. The unique commission of the church today is to preach the gospel, the content of which is the truth; our preaching of the truth is the preaching of the high gospel—Mark 16:15; 1 Tim. 2:4.
- C. The gospel that we preach in the Lord's recovery is the purest, highest, and most complete gospel—Mark 1:1; Rom. 1:1; Matt. 24:14; Eph. 2:17; 6:19-20; 1 Tim. 1:11; 2 Cor. 4:4; John 12:24:
  - 1. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, with all the processes that He passed through and all the redemptive work that He accomplished is the content of the gospel; hence, the gospel is of Him—Mark 1:1; Rom. 1:1-4.
  - 2. The gospel was planned, promised, and accomplished by God, and it is the power of God unto salvation to all believers so that they may be reconciled to God and regenerated by Him to be His children; hence, the gospel is the gospel of God—vv. 1, 16.
  - 3. The gospel brings the believers into the realm of the divine ruling so that they may participate in the blessings of the divine life in the divine kingdom; hence, the gospel is the gospel of the kingdom of God—Matt. 24:14; 1 Thes. 2:12.
  - 4. The gospel testifies that Christ Himself is peace, that in His death He made peace, and that as the Spirit He came to preach peace as the gospel; hence, the gospel is the gospel of peace—Eph. 2:15, 17; 6:15; Acts 10:36.
  - 5. The highest point of God's gospel is that God became a man that man may become God in life and in nature but not in the Godhead—Rom. 1:3-4; 8:3, 29:
    - a. God became a man through incarnation and then passed through human living, death, and resurrection in order to have a mass reproduction of Himself—John 1:14, 29; 12:24.
    - b. The one grain—Christ as the first God-man—has produced many grains—the many God-men, and now these many grains are blended as one loaf, which is Christ's Body, His reproduction; this is the highest point of the gospel—v. 24; 1 Cor. 10:17.

#### **II. In the book of Galatians we have a complete revelation of the truth, the reality, of the gospel in certain basic principles—2:5, 14; 3:8:**

- A. The law dealt with man in the old creation, whereas the gospel makes man a new creation in resurrection—1:1, 6-12; 2:20; 6:15.
- B. The first aspect of the truth of the gospel is that fallen man cannot be justified out of the works of law—2:16a.

- C. We are justified out of faith in Christ—v. 16b:
  - 1. Through believing, we are joined to Christ and become one with Him—John 3:15.
  - 2. Faith in Christ denotes an organic union with Him through believing; the term *in Christ* refers to this organic union—Gal. 2:16-17; 3:14, 28; 5:6.
  - 3. Justification is not merely a matter of position; it is also an organic matter, a matter in life.
  - 4. It is by means of our organic union with Christ that God can reckon Christ as our righteousness; only in this way can we be justified by God—1 Cor. 1:30.
  - 5. We have life and live by faith—Gal. 3:11.
- D. The gospel was preached to Abraham; the New Testament economy is the continuation of God's dealing with Abraham—v. 8.
- E. We are dead to the law, we are alive to God, and we have Christ living in us—2:19-20.
- F. In Christ we are a new creation—6:15.
- G. Christ Himself is the center of the gospel—1:15-16; 2:20; 4:19:
  - 1. Christ was crucified to redeem us out of the curse of the law and to rescue us out of the evil religious course of the world—3:1, 13; 1:4, 15-16.
  - 2. Christ was resurrected from the dead in order to live in us—v. 1; 2:20.
  - 3. We were baptized into Christ, being identified with Him, and we have put on Christ, clothing ourselves with Him; thus, we are in Christ and have become of Christ—3:27-29; 5:24.
  - 4. Christ has been revealed in us, He is now living in us, and He will be formed in us—1:16; 2:20; 4:19.
  - 5. In Christ we enjoy the blessing of the all-inclusive Spirit—3:14.
  - 6. In Christ we are sons of God, and in Him we all are one—vv. 26, 28.
- H. According to Galatians, the focal point of the gospel is God Himself in His Trinity becoming the processed all-inclusive Spirit to be life and everything to us for our enjoyment so that He and we may be one to express Him for eternity—4:4, 6; 3:13-14, 26-28; 6:15.