

Church – The Beginnings, Part 15

Obediently Preaching the Gospel - No Matter What - part 2

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Acts 1 → Transition from the Gospels to just before the day of Pentecost

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Acts 3:1 – 4:31 → The Healing in the Temple (Miracles), More Gospel Preaching, More folks saved, Persecution and More Preaching of the Gospel

Acts 4:32 – 5:42 → Community of Faith, Finances, God’s Judgment against Ananias & Sapphira, Gospel Preaching, Miracles, Persecution, More Preaching, Community of Faith

Acts 5:29-32

²⁹ But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: **“We ought to obey God rather than men.”** ³⁰ The God of our fathers raised up Jesus **whom you murdered** by hanging on a tree. ³¹ Him God has exalted to His right hand to be Prince and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³² And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him.”

Boldly Proclaiming the Gospel – No Matter What:

1. The Foundation – “We ought to obey God rather than men”

Without Full Surrender unto God, in Christ Jesus, the Apostles could not have said this or did what they did. The Fear of the LORD – if a person Fears God (in the Biblical sense) he/she will fear no one else or nothing else.

Psalm 111:10 - The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who DO His commandments; His praise endures forever.

Proverbs 1:7 - The fear of Yahweh is the beginning of knowledge; Fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Proverbs 15:33 - The fear of Yahweh TEACHES wisdom. Before honor is humility.

So, we see that the **FEAR of the LORD** produces **Humility, Godly Wisdom, and Obedience**. And that is exactly what we see with the Apostles. They were **humble, fearless, wise and obedient** (obediently proclaiming and defending the Gospel of Christ).

Faith in Christ relates deeply to the **FEAR of the LORD – Humility and Obedience**. The **Obedience of Faith**. **“Trust and OBEY** for there is **NO** other way to be happy in Jesus ...” (ref. Matthew 10:16-42 → “do not fear those who kill the body, but **FEAR Him** who is able to destroy both soul and body in the Lake of Fire” (vs 28))

2. Regardless of who their audience was, or their circumstance, their message, the Gospel of Christ, remained the same (Acts 5:30-32)

It is the same Gospel Message of all the apostles, including the apostle Paul – for Jew and/or Gentile (ref. Rom. 1:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Acts 15:1-35; Galatians 2:1-9).

3. Regardless of the audience, lost sinners must still Respond the same way: Repentance – and - Trust in Christ and in His Finished Work of Redemption (i.e.: Crucifixion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection)

The Results are ALWAYS:

- Forever Forgiveness of sins – all paid for: past, present and future

- The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit (ref. Eph. 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Cor. 5:5; Gal. 3:13-14; Titus 3:4-7)

We are Saved, Fully Forever Forgiven, Once and For All Time:

Hebrews 7:25 - Therefore He is able also to **SAVE FOREVER** those who draw near to God through Him, since **He always lives to make intercession for them.**

Hebrews 9:12 - Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with **His own blood** He entered the Most Holy Place **ONCE FOR ALL**, having obtained **ETERNAL REDEMPTION.**

Hebrews 9:28 - Christ also, having been offered **ONCE** to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who **eagerly await Him.**

Hebrews 10:10 - By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **ONCE FOR ALL.**

The Indwelling Presence of the Holy Spirit upon being Saved, Born Again, in Christ:

Ephesians 1:13-14 - ¹³ In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance **UNTIL** the Redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

Ephesians 4:30 - And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed **FOR** the DAY of Redemption. (Eternal Security of the Believer – sealed until the day of redemption)

2 Corinthians 5:5 - Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

Galatians 3:13-14 - ¹³ Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree”), ¹⁴ that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (compare with Luke 24:44-49) [the “Blessing of Abraham” is Salvation – it is experienced via the Holy Spirit in our lives in the Name of Christ]

Titus 3:4-7 - ⁴ But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, ⁵ not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, **THROUGH** (or “**BY**”) the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.