

The Gospel: America's Only Hope

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Text: Proverbs 14:34; Romans 1:16-32

'Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.' Proverbs 14:34

'For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek.' Romans 1:16

Introduction

The gospel is _____.

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' . . . because it is God's power . . .'

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' . . . for salvation to everyone who believes . . .'

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1. Beware of _____.

a. The danger of _____ the truth.

'For God's wrath is revealed from heaven against all godlessness and unrighteousness of people who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.' (v. 18)

b. The danger of rejecting God's revelation of _____.

'For though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God . . .' (v. 21a)

c. The danger of _____.

' . . . or show gratitude . . .' (v. 21)

d. The danger of promoting human _____.

'Instead, their thinking became nonsense, and their senseless minds were darkened.' (v. 21b)

e. The danger of _____.

'They exchanged the truth of God for a lie.' (v. 25)

2. Beware of _____ that leave out God.

a. They lead to _____.

'And exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man, birds, four-footed animals, and reptiles.' (v. 23)

' . . . and worshiped and served something created instead of the Creator . . .' (v. 25)

b. They lead to _____.

'Therefore God delivered them over in the cravings of their hearts to sexual impurity, so that their bodies were degraded among themselves.' (v. 24)

Conclusion

1. So _____ is the gospel?

'Now brothers, I want to clarify for you the gospel I proclaimed to you; you received it and have taken your stand on it. You are also saved by it, if you hold to the message I proclaimed to you unless you believed to no purpose. For I passed on to you as most important what I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.' 1 Corinthians 15:1-4

2. Is there _____ gospel?

'I am amazed that you are so quickly turning away from him who called you by the grace of Christ, and are turning to a different gospel – not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are troubling you and want to change the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel other than what we have preached to you, a curse be on him.' Galatians 1:6-8

3. How _____ is the gospel?

'And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.' Matthew 24:14, ESV

'Instead, just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please men, but rather God, who examines our hearts.' 1 Thessalonians 2:4