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*"The voice of one crying in the wilderness..." (Matthew 3:3)*

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After Jesus had died for our sins, was resurrected and just before he ascended into heaven, he commanded his apostles in Mark 16:15-16, "And he said to them, Go into all the world and **preach the gospel to every creature**. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." Our Lord wanted the gospel preached to everyone. The word "gospel" literally means good news or good tidings.

In Romans 1:16 the apostle Paul says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is **the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes; for the Jew first, and also for the Greek**." So we see that the gospel of Christ is God's power unto salvation. It is by the gospel or good news that God saves us. In I Corinthians 15:1-4, Paul is reminding the church at Corinth about the gospel when he says, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, and in which you stand; **by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain**. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received; that Christ **died** for our sins according to the scriptures, and that He was **buried**, and that He **rose again** the third day according to the scriptures." Here we see that Paul was reminding them of the gospel in which Christ died, and was buried, and was raised again on the third day. So the good news of the gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord.

Why then is the death of Christ good news? The good news of the death of Christ is that Christ has died for us, taking our punishment, and now God can be just in saving us. Without His death we would all be doomed for eternal punishment and no one could be saved. Even though the death of Christ is a terrible thing to have to happen, it is good news to us. We read in I John 4:10, "In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

Christ had to be buried since he died. Then after three days, Christ was raised up from the dead. We read in I Corinthians 6:14, "And God both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by His own power." So why is the resurrection of Christ, the gospel or good news? The good news of the resurrection of Christ is that since God was able to raise up Christ, He will also raise us up from the dead. Jesus says in John 11:25, "I am the resurrection, and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." So the gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is certainly good news.

In II Thessalonians 1:7-9 we read that, "When the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who

do not know God, and on those who **do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power**." Here we see that vengeance will be taken on those who obey not the gospel of Christ. The gospel as we have seen is the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord. How do we obey the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord so that vengeance will not be taken on us?

We are given the answer of how to obey the gospel in Romans 6:3-5 which says, "Or do you not know, that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death: that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection." So here we see that we are baptized into His death, we are buried with Him through baptism, and then just as Christ was raised up from the dead, we also are raised to walk in newness of life after baptism. There must be a death, burial, and resurrection before this new life is possible. Only in baptism does our old sinful person die and our new person rises free from sin. We are transformed from death to life. We become a new creation. Continuing in this sixth chapter of Romans we read in verses 17-18 (KJV), "But God be thanked, that you were the servants of sin, but you have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being **then** made free from sin, you became the servants of righteousness." So, we see that when people obey that form of doctrine that is a form of the Lord's death, burial, and resurrection by being baptized, they are at that point then made free from the sin and become the servants of righteousness.

Have you obeyed the gospel by being baptized into His death, being buried in baptism with him and then being raised with Him up out of the watery grave of baptism to walk in newness of life? If your baptism was not for the purpose of making you free from sin so that you can be saved, then you haven't obeyed the gospel of Christ. You haven't been made free from sin. As we have already seen, the Lord will take vengeance on all those who obey not the gospel of Christ. If you haven't why don't you correct your situation and make things right? Don't put it off. Satan wants you to put off making it right. God wants you to make it right today.

## *Questions Related To Baptism*

1) (Mark 16:15-16) Jesus wanted the gospel preached:

- To only a few people.
- To every creature.
- To just good people.

2) The gospel means good news.

True  False

3) (Romans 1:16) The gospel is:

- The power God uses to save everyone who believes.
- Optional since we can be saved without it.
- Something all people like to hear.

4) Paul was ashamed of the gospel of Christ.

True  False

5) (1 Corinthians 15:1-4) The gospel is the good news:

- That all men are going to be saved.
- That no one is going to be saved.
- Of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

6) We are saved by the gospel.

True  False

7) (2 Thessalonians 1:7-9) Vengeance will be taken on:

- Those who do not obey the gospel.
- Everyone.
- On no one.

8) One will still go to Heaven if he does not obey the gospel.

True  False

9) (Romans 6:3-5) We obey the gospel which is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ when we:

- Say the sinners prayer.
- Accept Jesus as our personal saviour.
- Are baptized.

10) When we are baptized we are raised as a new person free from sin.  True  False

11) (Romans 6:17-18) When we obey the form of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ:

- We are not saved.
- We are not made free from sin.
- We are then made free from sin.

12) We obey a form of the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ when we are baptized.

True  False

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