

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: How many Gospels?**

**How many Gospels? - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2012/7/23 4:38**

The Many Gospels of the Bible

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**Re: How many Gospels? - posted by rookie (), on: 2012/7/23 6:55**

"Which Gospel is the final Gospel? Which one proves the fulfillment of New Birth in Christ Jesus Making God "Our Father"?"

The Gospel is the good news...there has never been different gospels. Even Satan knew who Christ was. Yet knowing a fact does not save a person. Knowing Christ died on the cross and was then resurrected does not save anyone. Knowing His death and knowing His resurrected Life saves the person. The good news is that those who learn from Him learn how to escape the corruption of this world. The good news is that we have a heavenly promise of a resurrected life. This heavenly hope has been shared with all the saints beginning with Abel.

These doctrines of men which you post lead to religion that has always existed. Always searching the Scripture but never understanding. They create a system where men can know their saved. If you do this or if you know these facts then you are saved. But what do the Scriptures say?

Rom 10:8 But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach):

Rom 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Rom 10:11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame."

Why does Paul use the OT to point to the way of salvation?

**Re: - posted by Blayne, on: 2012/7/23 9:33**

Hi! 'Rookie'

Ummm, I thought I'd thrown in an additional comment into the mix after reading your own.

I've come to learn that the Christian experience is one of development and maturity. This is because Christians are invited to enter a divinely provided metamorphosis; similar to that of a caterpillar to a butterfly. It's not for nothing that the origin of the word "new creature" implies a 'new species' ... a species never seen before on the face of the earth until the appearance of Jesus, (the FirstBorn of the New Creation).

The caterpillar lives a rudimentary life affixed to the earth and is trained in all things and disciplines of its earthly existence.

By a process of development and metamorphosis, the caterpillar's very existence and being is changed. It becomes a "new creature", a new "species" ... a glorious butterfly.

There are many caterpillar-Christians who haven't yet fully comprehended this marvelous message of the gospel. Therefore

ore they remain unable to cooperate with God's desire for them to enter into the process of metamorphosis and truly have a share in the "newness of life".

Yes, their way of life and behavior becomes changed. But this is not indicative of metamorphosis. It merely exhibits the fact that some caterpillars were convinced to begin crawling up the vine in the cool of the morning instead of the under the scorching sun at noon. Certainly not knowledge about the possibility of developing into a "new creature".

It shouldn't surprise us to see that every unsaved larvae and even the saved caterpillar-Christian will always be eager to learn new things about his earthly environment and how to better secure its place in it. Especially, their learning how to avoid the painful wrath which past mistakes may have brought and to learn the discipline to safely hide from the prey that nearly swallowed them up only yesterday.

Regardless, there are many Christians who remain as caterpillars; confined to the earth without having grasped the full meaning of becoming "children of the resurrection". Instead, the divine provision of metamorphosis remains dormant and ineffectual to them; their existence has not been "changed"; they have not developed into a "new creature" as God has intended for them.

Anyways, 'Rookie', what I'm meaning to get across to you is that, when we first hear the Gospel, we enter into an embryonic stage; just like the child being formed in the womb. We're being prepared to be changed from the "image" of God and into His "likeness". We are learning about the Author and Perfecter of our faith in preparation for our impending departure from the warmth of the womb to enjoy a new birth as a new creature.

So, at the beginnings of our Christian journey, it's acceptable and normal for some of us to have the posture of being 'literalists' with Scripture. There's nothing wrong with that because it's the norm during the time of our developing in the cocoon. During the development phase, some will enter into childish debates about Scripture and engage in every sort of triviality about Christian ideas and things. As Paul said, "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things".

Yes, there will always be some among us who insist to remain in the cocoon; who prefer the warmth of the womb. For the most part, this isn't something which anyone should hurry to blame or accuse them about. It's merely the result of their low expectations concerning the Gospel. Paul reminds us about how this happens: "How can they hear without someone preaching to them?".

Everyday we can find these caterpillars captivated by the same routine ... crawling up and down the vine day-after-day and 'happily chattering' among themselves about the weather or some other triviality; or arguing about the precise temperature and even speculating about rumors they've heard which indicate a terrible winter is about to arrive.

But the idea of an entirely new form of life (not just a new way of living) hardly entered their mind. And, even when they occasionally stumbled into a butterfly which had momentarily rested on their vine, they failed to recognize it for what it was.

Regardless of all the caterpillar chatter about having a "heavenly citizenship", they failed to comprehend that they are ill-equipped to migrate into a life in the 'air'; the spiritual world. Neither do they possess the necessary wings to elevate themselves above the vines of the earth to assume their rightful position "in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus".

So, now I come full circle with you.

I wanted to first explain my perspective before agreeing with your saying: "These doctrines of men which you post lead to a religion that has always existed. Always searching the Scripture but never understanding. They create a system where men can know they are saved. If you do this or if you know these facts then you are saved".

**Re: "heavenly citizenship" - posted by arkp, on: 2012/7/23 19:35**

Hello Blayne, Rookie, and Christinyou.

Blayne, i do not particularly like butterfly's nor do i find them attractive. Your scientific exposition in terms of caterpillars, and there metamorphosis what to some may be a beautiful butterfly was well written. However, if i was sentenced to death, for my faith, for without faith it is impossible to please God. I would not pray to a caterpillar or a butterfly, honestly.

I do not particularly like Paul, nor do i place him on a pedestal. Please, understand what i may be trying to convey to you, in the Spirit. He was just a man, like any other man who encountered the most Holy, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, on the road to damascus. He was merely a vessel used by God. God and his most Holy Spirit speaking through him, utilizing his ingenuity to bring about a massive teaching and deliverance to the Corinthians, to the Galatians, to the Church of Ephesus, to the Philippians, to the Colossians, and to the Thessalonians. May he use us all to the magnitude in which he used Paul who was once called Saul. It is only when we have an encounter with him, that he changes our name.

I know whos i am, and the teaching i have received will forever echo till the day of eternity when we are face to face and in our most glorious bodies. May he never stop rebuking me, as I continue to hear his voice.

The gifts of God are irrevocable. You will know when God is prompting you to speak, because you will feel an inextinguishable fire in your most inner being. Then and only then will you know that it is not of you, but HIM.

May he rebuke me, if i have not spoken in his Spirit and brought about edification to his body of believers.

Now, going back to the new creation, or the new life in Christ Jesus are you referring to the New Life in Sacrificial Love?

Gal: 6:11 What large letters i have written to you with my own hand!

Gal: 6:12 As many as desire to make a good showing in the flesh, these would compel you to be circumcised, only that they may not suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

Gal: 6:13 For not even those who are circumcised keep the law, but they desire to have you circumcised that they may boast in your flesh.

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Gal: 6:14 But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Gal: 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a NEW CREATION.

Gal: 6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

Gal: 6:17 From now on let no one trouble me, for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

Gal: 6:18 Brethren, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

The Spirit of God speaking through Paul and through Paul bringing about revelation knowledge in the Spirit which transforms and transcends a shekinah glory, that bears witness with your Spirit that, we are closer to HIM..

**Re: How many Gospels? - posted by Myst (), on: 2012/7/24 3:16**

It seems most likely there has only been one Gospel throughout human history and one way to enter into the benefits of that Gospel. With the creation of man, God provided the blessing of all being good in the earth.

After the fall of man, by providing a then present and future blood sacrifice, man would enter into His blessings.

The blessed life was always a good environment, divine provision, health, dominion, and most importantly communion with our Creator and Father. We see this in the Garden, Noah's new world, Adam, the blessings in the promised land. But we think that Gospel somehow changed in the age of the New Covenant. It did not, as we see the same promised millennial blessings.

Entrance into that covenant has always been through repentance and faith. We have changed that into "asking Jesus into our heart" or some other cliché. Looking at the ministry of Jesus, we see clearly that the two elements of repentance and faith were always fulfilled, as in the examples to follow.

Repentance is not always clearly evident, but if we understand true repentance, metanoia, change of mind, then we realize an investment of faith in Christ is necessarily changing our frame of reference turning from the earthly and turning to the spiritual.

Citing a few instances where Christ clearly pronounced a person would enter the kingdom of heaven, was forgiven, or made whole (sozo, the Greek root word from which derives various words for salvation), we see:

Luke's account of Zacchaeus announcing he would repay those he cheated, of whom Jesus pronounced, "This day is salvation come to this house." In a rare instance, belief per se is not mentioned, while repentance is clearly evident.

The thief on the cross merely had faith to ask Christ to remember him when He entered His kingdom. Jesus said He would be with Him.

Of the four friends with the young man suffering from palsy, while they came only trusting Jesus for the healing, Jesus first announced that their sins were forgiven. How did Jesus make that leap, forgiving them without that even being on their mind? Like Zacchaeus, the thief, and others, they simply trusted their Creator for SOMETHING. The specifics did not matter, but the faith and repentance did.

Of the woman with the issue of blood, who broke the law to touch Jesus' tail, Jesus told her that her faith had made her whole, and her sin was not put on her account.

Jesus told the one leper who returned to thank and glorify Him for healing him, that while the nine others were only healed, his faith had made him whole.

Of the publican praying, grieving over his sinfulness, while the proud Pharisee was thanking God he was not like the publican, Jesus said it was the penitent publican who went home justified, and not the morally clean Pharisee.

Hebrews 11 tells of many differing acts of faith by which they were brought into the family of God by faith.

The Gospel in its simplest form is the blessings of God in providing for our health, general well being, and relationship to our Creator Father. And access being gained by some form, any form, of trust in Him.

If we remember this as we counsel those seeking Him, it makes it very simple. Encourage them to trust Him for any need they have. That faith, that turning to Him, driven by whatever desperate desire, is their exercise of true and godly faith.

Sadly, when someone wants to trust our Savior for something, we divert them, fearing a lack of an answer will crush their faith. But we crush their faith by warn them God's answer may be no. But:

2 Cor 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him are yes, and in Him Amen.

Or we make them doubt that He will give what He has clearly promised. How sad that we minister doubt that destroys faith. It is us who do not believe. If we were a believing people, we would change our world in a generation.

Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, on and on, they received from our Father ... and by our covenant we are heirs to BETTER blessings.

Hebrews 8:6 But now He (Jesus) has obtained a more excellent ministry, by so much He is also the Mediator of a better covenant, which was built upon better promises.

But where are they? Through our doubt, our generation will simply inherit no more than the wind.

Proverbs 11:29 He who troubles his own house shall inherit the wind