

Gal 1:6-8 I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; (7) which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you, and want to distort the gospel of Christ. (8) But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed.

What is the gospel?

Literally “the good news.”

But also sometimes synonymous  
with “the faith”

Gal 1:23 but only, they kept hearing, "He who once persecuted us is now preaching the faith which he once tried to destroy."

The gospel Paul preached to the Galatians is "the faith"

Jud 1:3 Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

But that was not the “gospel” that was preached to Abraham! Abraham heard only a small portion of “the faith.”

Gal 3:8 The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "ALL THE NATIONS WILL BE BLESSED IN YOU."

The “good news” in Gal 3.8 is that the Gentiles may be saved!

The faith once delivered to the Saints includes the New Testament, from Acts to Revelation and parts of the Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

Heb 1:1-2 God, after He spoke long ago to the fathers in the prophets in many portions and in many ways, (2) in these last days has spoken to us in His Son, whom He appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the world.

Rom 1:15-16 Thus, for my part, I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. (16)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

The “gospel” – always good news and it was released a little at a time.

Joh 16:12-13 "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. (13) "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.



Mat 4:23 And Jesus was going about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and every kind of sickness among the people.

The gospel of the kingdom Jesus preached was not the gospel that Paul described in 1Cor 15.1-4, but rather a small part of it.

At Mat 4.23, Jesus had not told anyone that he had to die, be buried and resurrected or that baptism in His name for the remission of sins was to be preached to all men!

# What was the gospel of the kingdom?

Mat 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

The “good news” in Mt 4.17, 23 was that the kingdom was coming and soon!

# When was it coming?

It had been prophesied as during the forth kingdom and the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 are named in Dan 7 & 8.

Dan 2:44 "In the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which will never be destroyed, and that kingdom will not be left for another people; it will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, but it will itself endure forever.

One kingdom, set up during the time of the Roman empire, eternal in its duration!

Mt 24:14 "This gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come.

Mar 1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Luk 16:16 "The Law and the Prophets were proclaimed until John; since that time the gospel of the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is forcing his way into it.

Act 1:6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

The kingdom the disciples asked about in Acts 1.6 was proclaimed boldly by Philip in Acts 8.12. The entrance into that kingdom was the same as it was for the church in Acts 2 – baptism for the remission of their sins by the authority of Jesus Christ.

Jesus introduced the church – his group – to the disciples but he did not tell them plainly it was to His spiritual kingdom on earth continuing into eternity.

Mat 16:18 "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades shall not overpower it. (19) "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (20) Then He warned the disciples that they should tell no one that He was the Christ.

What do men do with keys? With keys, they can unlock entrances.

Mt 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you release on earth will have been released in heaven." (NET)

Peter would open the doors to the kingdom in the first “full gospel” message which taught men how to enter the kingdom.

Just before Jesus ascended, the kingdom had not yet come – Act 1:6 And so when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

These men were looking for an earthly kingdom centered in Jerusalem.



1Co 15:1 Now I make known to you, brethren,  
the gospel which I preached to you, which also  
you received, in which also you stand, (2) by  
which also you are saved, if you hold fast the  
word which I preached to you, unless you  
believed in vain. (3) For I delivered to you as of  
first importance what I also received, that Christ  
died for our sins according to the Scriptures, (4)  
and that He was buried, and that He was raised  
on the third day according to the Scriptures,

The “good news” in 1Co 15.1-4 is the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ to provide redemption for our sins.

Not the same as in Gal 3.8, but still “good news.”

Act 8:12 But when they believed  
Philip preaching the good news  
about the kingdom of God and the  
name of Jesus Christ, they were  
being baptized, men and women  
alike.

Col 1:13 For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

the kingdom of the Son is not different from the kingdom of God nor the kingdom of heaven – they are all the one kingdom prophesied and delivered to the earth – the church Jesus said he would establish and deliver to the Father!

How were these men to whom the gospel of the kingdom preached to enter that kingdom?

Act 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified." (37) Now when they heard this, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" (38) And Peter said to them, "Repent, and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Act 2:41, 47 So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls ... (47) praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

What did Peter do that day? He told men how to be saved – their entrance into God's eternal kingdom!

The “good news” includes all of these pieces of “good news” and you can be a part of the kingdom if you will do as they did.

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