

The Purpose Of The Gospel

Mat.6:24

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In the previous two lessons we have looked at: “The Need For The Gospel” – Humanity needs the Gospel of Truth in order to remove the ignorance. And “The Necessity Of The Gospel” – The fact that there is no other solution to man’s sin issue and the pending judgment due them because of their sin. Now to look at what truth declares the purpose of the Gospel is. The purpose is to show good reasons for a person to change and then to lead them to their new destination.

To understand the truth, that no one can serve two masters, is the beginning of understanding the purpose of the Gospel. Everyone is born into the service of sin and death and yes, satan also. Our nature is corrupted. Both old and new testaments confirm that God has declared every person a sinner and thus condemned. (Rom.3:23, 5:12; Gen.6:5-6, Jer.17:9; Ezk.18:20) As seen in the previous two lessons everyone as sinners is also enslaved and deceived by the sins they practice. (Jn.8:34; Rom.6:16; 2Cor.4:1-4)

Since all of us were born into sin and grew up in participation with sin and rebellion, we each have confirmed our own condemnation. This is the state of existence we each have to come to terms with. A common trait that we share is the fear of change. For most the fear of change, the fear of the unknown will keep a person in bondage rather than escape to freedom because our misery becomes comfortable. Why is that? The “what if” head game plays repeatedly in the mind paralyzing it’s ability to choose change over the “rut”. Alas, we are in tendencies rut seekers; we prefer sameness over newness, we stress over change all the while hating the pain and misery of our lives.

The purpose of the Gospel is to help remove some of the uncertainties and their associated stressors so that change can be welcomed rather than feared. The purpose of the Gospel is to replace the threat and fear of death with the love and joy of life. The purpose is to help dislodge the feet from the rut of slavery and plant them safely on the road of freedom and life. The purpose of the Gospel is to provide a map of the journey. (The map shows the destination of both heaven and hell. Mat.7:13-14)

Paul enlightens the reader to the slavery issue and the destiny of our choices. (Rom.6:16-18) Change is inevitable, from one level of bad to worse until death is reached or life is chosen and heaven reached. The rut of paganism is ever increasing but the road of life is ever leading. Consider the rut of alcoholism: one drink leads to many, an occasional glass leads to many a pitcher, once a year to once a month to once a week to once a day to all day and all the night. That which is feared, change, comes subtle but sure.

Change comes as the master beckons, maybe the loss of job, or finance, loss of family and friend, loss of integrity and morality and finally loss of life. Change one step at a time. So it can be clearly demonstrated that the choice for intentional change is far better than inevitable change. Everyone in the world has the option to choose God, and everyone has desperate need to do so. All humanity without Jesus is on a slippery slope to death and destruction.

The purpose of the gospel is fulfilled in the carrying out of Jesus command; “...go and teach (make disciples of) all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, even to the very end of the age.” (Mat.28:18-20) Choose this day whom You Will Serve. Choose Jesus. Choose Life.