

THE GOSPEL IS NOT

The gospel is not; confession, repentance, obedience, or worship
The gospel is not; church, or missions, discipleship or baptism
The gospel is not; prayer, faith, commitment, or surrender
The gospel is not; election, predestination, foreknowledge, or sovereignty
The gospel is not; a sect, or a creed, a catechism, or sacraments
The gospel is not; a day or a duty, a denomination or a religion
The gospel is not; Apollos or Paul, Calvin or Wesley
The gospel is not; a dispensation, cessation, or reformation
The gospel is not; pre-trib, mid- trib, post- trib, pre-wrath, or a-trib
The gospel is not; my discipline or self-denial, not my believing or receiving

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The gospel is the declaration of God's love demonstrated when he offered his only Son a sacrifice for sin – which he did by Himself, in Himself, for Himself – that He would be glorified in redeeming all who would hear and believe. I Cor. 15:1-4, Col. 1:20-23, Rom. 10:9&10, I Pet. 3:18. The gospel is not salvation; salvation is what occurs when the gospel is believed, but the gospel is the gospel whether I believe it or not.

The gospel is God's doing, I had nothing to do with it. He designed it, ordained it, and by His Spirit reveals the truth of Jesus as the Christ. Galatians 1:11, But I make known unto you brethren that the gospel which was preached by me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it but by the revelation of Jesus Christ...

The gospel is not taking good man, mixing in a little religion and making him a better man. The gospel is taking a dead man and giving him life: Ephesians 2:1, And you hath he made alive who were dead in you trespasses and sins. It's taking a man born blind and giving him sight: John 9. It's taking a man sentenced to life in prison and setting him free: Luke 4:18.