

**The Gospel**  
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*Gospel* appears one hundred times in the New Testament. It “denotes the “good tidings” of the kingdom of God and of salvation through Christ” (Vines Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words). In reading the different uses of the word in the New Testament, it must be noted that the word is never identified as “a gospel” or one of “many gospels,” but “the Gospel.” Paul understood his responsibility to preach the Gospel. It is written, “FOR THOUGH I PREACH THE GOSPEL, I HAVE NOTHING TO GLORY OF: FOR NECESSITY IS LAID UPON ME; YEA, WOE IS UNTO ME, IF I PREACH NOT THE GOSPEL!” (1 CORINTHIANS 9:16).

Why did Paul take his responsibility to teach only the Gospel so seriously? He understood the Gospel is God’s power to save one from sin. Paul wrote, “FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST: FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH; TO THE JEW FIRST, AND ALSO TO THE GREEK” (**Romans 1:16**). The Gospel is the only message that needs to be preached. It is the only message that needs to be obeyed. It is the only message that man needs today because all who refuse to believe and obey the Gospel are lost in sin. Paul gave warning of this very thing to the church of the Thessalonians. It is written, “IN FLAMING FIRE TAKING VENGEANCE ON THEM THAT KNOW NOT GOD, ARID THAT OBEY NOT THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST” (**2 Thessalonians 1:8**). Perhaps the greatest question that we should ask ourselves is: “How do we view the Gospel?” It should be important to all of us because there is no other message coming from God. There is no other way of salvation apart from obeying the Gospel.