

The First Principles

Class 2 • The Gospel

- Mark 16:15-16

- 15) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.
- 16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

- The “Gospel” is a good place to start, because it is described by Scripture, as something that must be believed before baptism - The definition of a First Principle

- It is also described as the “Power of God unto salvation” - Another way of saying it...

- Romans 1:15-16

- 15) So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you that are at Rome also.
- 16) 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.

- It is also a hard place to start, because so much is taught (like the parables) that are issues of our character, and our walk in Christ... Good and profitable exposition, but, not necessarily First Principles.

- We will use the actual word “Gospel” then as our clue... Whenever it appears, (or an allusion to preaching it), we will look around that verse to see WHAT was being preached as “Gospel”.

- I am NOT implying that these references will teach us everything that we need to know about a topic. We need to arrive at the proper teaching through a thorough review of the entire scriptures. (I am assuming that we all know what the teachings are). These verses are noted simply because they make reference to teachings that were considered part of “The Gospel”, and therefore are important.

- This is also not a complete list... We will simply start with these references, and add to our “Index” of First Principles over the next few classes.

• Matthew 4:23

23) And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

- The doctrine of a coming kingdom is essential - **#9**

• Luke 24:46-47

46) And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

47) And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

- Jesus rose from the dead - **#7**
- It is necessary for men to repent - **#15**
- Forgiveness of sins comes through Jesus' death - **#15**

• Romans 1:1-5

- 1) Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,
- 2) (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)
- 3) Concerning his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, which was made of the seed of David according to the flesh;
- 4) And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead:
- 5) By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name

- The promises to David concerned Jesus - **#13**
- Jesus was a man, sharing our mortal nature - **#5**
- Jesus was the Son of God - **#4**
- Jesus rose from the dead - **#7**

• Romans 4:23-5:9

- 23) Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;
- 24) But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;
- 25) Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.

- 5:1) Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
- 2) By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.
- 3) And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;
- 4) And patience, experience; and experience, hope:
- 5) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.
- 6) For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.
- 7) For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die.
- 8) But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
- 9) Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

- God raised Jesus from the dead - **#7**
- We are justified through faith - **#14**
- Jesus is our mediator with God - **#8**
- The Sacrifice of Christ - **#6**

• 1st Corinthians 15:1-4

- 1) Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
- 2) By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.
- 3) For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;
- 4) And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

- Christ died for our sins - **#15** - Forgiveness of sins comes through...
- Christ rose from the grave - **#7**

• Galatians 3:8-14

- 8) And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.
- 9) So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.
- 10) For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

- 11) But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.
- 12) And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.
- 13) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:
- 14) That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

- The promises to Abraham were part of the Gospel - **#12**
- Justification by faith - **#14**

• Galatians 3:26-29

- 26) For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.
- 27) For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
- 28) There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.
- 29) And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

- Faith in Christ is required for salvation - **#14**
- Baptism is required for salvation - **#15**

• Ephesians 2:11-20

- 11) Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands;
- 12) That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
- 13) But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
- 14) For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;
- 15) Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;
- 16) And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:
- 17) And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh.
- 18) For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.
- 19) Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God;

20) And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

• Christ brings us access to the promises - **#12**

• 1st Thessalonians 1:5-10

- 5) For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.
- 6) And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost.
- 7) So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia.
- 8) For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing.
- 9) For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God;
- 10) And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

• One true God - **#2**

• The hope of the return of Jesus - **#9**

• Jesus rose from the dead - **#7**

• 1st Peter 1:18-25

- 18) Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;
- 19) But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:
- 20) Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,
- 21) Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.
- 22) Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:
- 23) Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.
- 24) For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:
- 25) But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

- Redemption through the blood of Christ - **#15** - Forgiveness comes...
 - Resurrection - **#10**
- This is a beginning of a list...
 - We will be adding to it next class...