

Sermon Title: The Framework of the Gospel

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 Part 1

Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to understand the framework of the Gospel.

Sermon Proposition: There are 6 key components for the framework of the Gospel.

### **Introduction: Galatians 2:6-10**

James, Peter, and John endorsed Paul's message and received him as an equal. (2:7-9) Further more James, Peter, and John recognized that Paul had been divinely commissioned to preach the gospel to the Gentiles, just as Peter had to the Jews.

Thus Paul jolted the Judaists by declaring that the leaders in Jerusalem approved of his mission to the Gentiles.

It should be noted that Peter and Paul did not preach two gospels, as might be inferred from the KJV rendering, "the gospel of the uncircumcision" and "the gospel of the circumcision." There was one gospel preached by different apostles to two distinct groups of people.

Because some versions such as the King James, have translated "the gospel of uncircumcision" and "of the circumcised," many liberals interpretations have suggested (for this and other reasons) that Peter and Paul preached different messages. But this idea is disproved by Paul in **Galatians 1:6-9**, by the decision of the Jerusalem Council, and by Greek grammar. The Greek article (tes) is here an objective genitive and does not indicate definition (of) but direction (to) as in the text and most modern translations. The Spirit empowers, energizes, and exhorts only one gospel.

Conviction is not the same as conversion but it is necessary to it. The words "convict . . . of guilt" translate the one word (elenxei), "to present or expose facts, to convince of the truth. The Holy Spirit works on the minds of the unsaved to show them the truth of god for what it is. Normally this process includes human aid.

**John 15:26** "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. **27** "And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

### **I. The 1<sup>st</sup> frame of the Gospel is conviction of sin. (John 16:7-9)**

- A. People must be convinced that they are lost. (Luke 15; John 3:18; 15:22, 24)
- B. People must be convinced that they are dead in sins and trespasses. (Eph. 2:1)
- C. People must be convinced that they are under the penalty of sin. (Rom. 3:9; 1:18, 21, 25, 28)
- D. People must be convinced that they are under condemnation. (John 3:18)

The departure of Jesus was necessary, though painful and difficult for the disciples. In fact, His leaving was profitable and beneficial. Without His departing (which includes His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension) there would have been no gospel. Atonement for sin was necessary for Jesus to save His people from their sin. (**Matthew 1:21** "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." )

Also unless he departed there would have been no glorified Lord to send . . . the Counselor (the Holy Spirit) to apply the atonement. Preached before

**Genesis 22:18** "In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice."

**Galatians 3:8** And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed<sup>1</sup>."

**Luke 24:47** "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

**Acts 13:46** Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

**Mark 13:10** "And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

**Galatians 2:2** And I went up by revelation, and communicated to them that gospel which I preach among the Gentiles, but privately to those who were of reputation, lest by any means I might run, or had run, in vain.

**Galatians 2:9** and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we *should go* to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.

**Hebrews 4:2** For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them<sup>1</sup>, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*.

## II. The 2<sup>nd</sup> frame of the Gospel is the law. (John 16:10)

A. The law brings the knowledge of sin. (Rom. 3:20; 7:7, 13)

B. Sin is the transgression of the law. (Rom. 2:17-29; 2:12, 14-15)

**1 John 3:4** Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.

C. The law brings the sinner to Christ. (Rom. 3:19)

**Galatians 3:24** Therefore the law was our tutor *to bring us* to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

**Proverbs 6:23** For the commandment *is* a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction *are* the way of life,

D. The law is good when used for the right purpose.

**1 Timothy 1:8** But we know that the law *is* good if one uses it lawfully,

A.B. Earl quote: "I have found by long experience that the severest threatenings of the law of God have a prominent place in leading men to Christ. They must see themselves lost before they will cry for mercy; they'll not escape danger until they see the danger."

(Luke 10:24-25; Luke 18:18; 3 John 3; Day of Pentecost)

## III. The 3<sup>rd</sup> frame of the Gospel is judgment. (John 16:11)

A. Everyone has an appointed time of judgment for sin. (Heb. 9:27)

**Romans 2:5** But in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are treasuring up for yourself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,

**2 Peter 3:7** But the heavens and the earth *which* are now preserved by the same word, are reserved for fire until the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

**Matthew 7:22** "Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' **23** "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"

B. The world has an appointed time of judgment for sin. (Acts 17:31)

**Romans 2:15** who show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and between themselves *their* thoughts accusing or else excusing *them*) **16** in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to my gospel.

**Matthew 25:41** "Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels:

C. All who refuse to repent will be judged.

**Acts 17:30** "Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent,

**Revelation 20:12** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God<sup>1</sup>, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books.

**2 Timothy 4:1** I charge *you* therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at<sup>1</sup> His appearing and His kingdom:

**John 12:48** "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him-- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.

The Holy Spirit's convincing work concerns judgment. The death and resurrection of Jesus were a condemnation of Satan (**John 12:31** "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.") (**Colossians 2:15** Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.). By His death Jesus defeated the devil who held "the power of death" (**Hebrews 2:14** Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, **1 Corinthians 15:54** So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory<sup>1</sup>." **55** "O Death, where is your sting<sup>1</sup>? O Hades, where is your victory<sup>2</sup>?" **56** The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.). Though defeated at the cross, Satan is still active (**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because<sup>1</sup> your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.)

But like a condemned criminal, his execution is coming (**Revelation 20:2** He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; . . . **7** Now when the thousand years have expired, Satan will be released from his prison **8** and will go out to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle, whose number is as the sand of the sea. **9** They went up on the breadth of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of heaven and devoured them. **10** The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where<sup>1</sup> the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.)