

What The Gospel is Not! OR What Christianity is Not!

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It is not Jesus plus our good works. (Titus 3:5)

It is not you keeping the law (Jewish or Christian). The law says, "I ought to, I should." (Galatians 2:21)

It is not religion—religion comes from the Greek word religare which means "to bind up, attach and to tie."

It is not morality.

It is not a mental assent.—general information or knowing about.

It is not trying our best to be a good person.

It is not being baptized with water.

It is not belong to a certain denomination like Baptist, Catholic, or Charismatic.

It is not walking down an aisle and signing a card.

It is not being born in the USA.

It is not being born in a Christian family.

It is not a social program or social reform.

It is not, "God helps those who help themselves."

It is not you keeping the "Golden Rule."

It is not God helping us to be a good person.

It is not God helping us to overcome evil.

It is not Jesus walking along side of us.

It is not performance based acceptance.

It is not tithing our money in order to be blessed, instead of cursed.

It is not based on conditions such as: If I do, do, do; then I will be blessed, blessed, blessed.

It is not self-improvement.

It is not based on self-effort.

It is not self-generated righteousness.

It is not self-activity based on self-sufficiency.

What is The Gospel? OR What is Christianity?

It is personally receiving the Lord Jesus Christ simply by child-like faith, and not by understanding. (Act 16:31)

It is believing He paid the price of his blood, on your behalf, for the forgiveness of your sins. (Col. 1: 14)

It is trusting in His precious blood, and knowing that His substitutionary death is enough for my salvation. (Rom. 3:25)

It is knowing Him as your personal Lord and Savior. (John 3:16)

It is having a personal relationship with Christ. (Rev. 3:20)

It is knowing the Holy Spirit. Born again of the H.S (John 3). Romans 8:11 if not H.S. your not his.

It is trusting that Christ lives in you, and you derive all righteousness from Him, for He is your righteousness. (Rom. 4:5)

It is knowing that Christ, not you, is the producer of righteousness. (Phil. 3:9)

It is knowing that you are in Christ, and He is in you. (John 14:20)

It is believing that when Jesus said on the Cross, "It is finished," then the total work of salvation was completed. (John 19:30)

It is believing that there is nothing for you to do to earn your salvation-it is a free gift of God's grace. (Eph. 3:8-9)

It is deliverance from sin which is available to us in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. (I Cor. 15:3)

It is being delivered from the power of sin, our false self-life, and the curse of the law. (Rom. 6:14; Rom. 6:6; Romans 10:4).

It is an exchange of natures through the cross, not an improved law-bound human self. (II Cor. 5:21; Romans 6:6; II Peter 1:4).

It is trusting that you are dead, and now Christ is your only source of life and power. (Col. 3:3&4)

It is knowing that you are one Spirit with him and in a union-relationship with Christ. (I Cor. 6:17)

It is knowing that by His death we were reconciled, but by His resurrected Life we are delivered daily. (Rom. 5:10)

It is trusting that Christ in you is your only hope of glory. (Col. 1:27)

It is knowing that "it is no longer you that lives, but Christ lives in you." Gal. 2:20)

It is knowing that you have no power in yourself to maintain or keep yourself from evil. (Jude 24)

It is knowing that Christ has already overcome evil and will maintain your standing before Him, and keep you as He promised.

It is believing and realizing that you are "dead to the law." The law demands human performance. (Rom. 7:4)

It is believing that you are "dead to sin and alive to righteousness." (Rom. 6:11)

It is knowing that Satan is already defeated in you. Heb. 2: 14-15)

It is receiving this Good News by faith and rejoicing with exceedingly great joy.