

## *Study Guide*

**Message:** The Gospel and the American Gospel

**Scripture:** I Corinthians 15.3

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**Objective:** to critique and teach on how segments of the American church have *reshaped* or *rebranded* the gospel message to *attract* the world and to call for a return to the *biblical* gospel that *saves, sanctifies, and reconciles us to God*.

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ gospel:

### **Explanation of the gospel:**

- Christ died for our sins
- He was buried
- He rose again on the third day

### **Comprehensive gospel:**

- God *created humanity to know Him and walk with Him*
- Humanity *sinned* and was *separated* from God
- Jesus Christ's *life, death, and resurrection* (salvation)
- *Repentance – faith* in Christ for *salvation by grace*
- Reconciliation with God (to *know Him and walk with Him*)

### **First Message of the Church: Acts 20.21**

- **Repent** from sin – old life and identity
- **Turn** to God – new relationship
- **Have faith** in Christ – new identity

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ gospel - American Gospel – Galatians 1.6-7

*‘They Judaized the gospel instead of **gospelizing** Judaism.*

- **Social Gospel** – refers to a version of the Christian message that aligns itself with the prevailing values of contemporary culture often at the expenses of biblical truth. It prioritizes social acceptance, personal comfort, or moral relativism over repentance, and faith in the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

- **Racial Gospel** – the gospel is filtered through racial identity – prioritizing ethnic narratives over Christ’s unifying work on the cross. It becomes divisive, turning the Church into tribes rather than one new humanity in Christ.

Preaching becomes about a race war than about Christ. The gospel does address injustice, but when race becomes the lens rather than Christ, the Gospel is distorted. Galatians 3.28

- **Political Gospel** – ties Jesus to a political ideology – the right or left. The danger of a politicized gospel: (a) equates a political party or leader with God’s will, (b) divides the church into a political faction, (c) sermons become political rallies, and (d) pulpit becomes a podium for policy and making political disciples not calling people to repentance.

Jesus didn’t come to take political sides; He came to transform human hearts, *not to reform* human conditions. The gospel is the first step of establishing Christ’s Kingdom on earth.

**‘We are to preach Jesus is Lord, that means Ceaser is not!’**

**1 Corinthians 2.2.** For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. (NKJV)

3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the gospel: Romans 1.16

The power of the gospel is its ability to save sinners, transform hearts, give eternal life, and reconcile the world (nations) to God through Christ.

‘The gospel reconciles all nations with God!’

**2 Corinthians 5.19.** For God was in Christ, *reconciling* the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful *message* of reconciliation. (NLT)

“The *gospel* is made only for the *spiritually awakened*. It is wholly incomprehensible and unlivable to another.” ~PK

**Understanding the times and movements of God.** Luke 12.56, 1 Chronicles 12:32  
**Power of the gospel:** Acts 7.59, Luke 23.34, Philippians 1.29