

Do You Know the Gospel or Do You Believe It?

1. Identifying the Gospel

- a. Gospel = "Good News", "Glad Tidings"
- b. When did it start? The question needs clarification. Which gospel? There is more than one.
 - i. First occurrence of the word, "gospel"? (Mt 4:23)
 - ii. Eve's promises? (Gal 3:15)
 - iii. Abraham's promises? (Gal 3:8)
 - iv. The beginning of the gospel? (Mk 1:1)
 - v. When Paul departed from Macedonia? (Phil 4:15)
- c. Jesus is the central theme of God's good news regarding salvation. This is true. (Acts 3:21, Rom 16:25)
- d. Not everyone was trusting Christ's work for their soul's salvation. Nor would they have been correct to do so. They were not told this, we are. (1 Cor 2:8-10)
- e. "Search the scriptures" vs "the unsearchable riches of Christ." (Jn 5:39, Eph 3:8)

2. Knowing the Gospel

- a. The gospel of our soul's salvation is that we must give up every attempt at doing our own works of righteousness and trust that Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, did the only acceptable work by His death, burial, and resurrection. Believing that work on our behalf makes that death our death, that resurrection our resurrection. (Rom 6:3-10, Col 2:10-15, Gal 2:20)
- b. Easy believism? It's hard to believe that you can contribute absolutely nothing to your soul's salvation and to be entirely reliant on what God has done. Your works do not make or prove that you are a Christian. Christ's work does. (1 Cor 15:1-4, Rom 4:25)
- c. Now that you've been given the gospel, let's ask the question. **Do you know the gospel, or do you believe it?**

3. Believing the Gospel

- a. For the remainder of the lesson we will reference our tract ([Do You Know the Gospel or Do You Believe It?](https://cleargospeltruth.com))