



# The Gospel Is for All

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## INTRODUCTION

- You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.
- When they scatter, they take the message of Jesus with them and they begin teaching others, and the word continues to multiply.
- I don't think the message is all that complicated here, that the gospel is for all.

## 1 The Gospel Is for All Cultures

Acts 9:31; Luke 10

- When we say the gospel is for all, we need to understand that the gospel is for all cultures, for all societies, for all time.
- So Peter and John come and they confirm this reality that the Samaritans belong as part of the people of God. They are not second class citizens, but they are equal in Christ.
- There are not ways, there is the way. The way is simple. You follow Jesus.
- We are one body, we are unified under one message. And the basic gospel message does not change because you're from some different location or you have different cultural background.
- There is no different Christianity, there's no different brand, there's no different branches. There is one Lord and Savior.

## 2 Not Just Cultural or Ethnic, Also Status

- It's not restricted. It's not just for one kind of person.
- But it's not just cultural or ethnic, it's also status. It's also the kind of person we are. It has to do maybe with our social status or our economic status.
- That Jesus wants his message available for everyone. And part of that is bringing in people who in the past had been rejected for various reasons.
- The Jesus movement wasn't just trying to attract the rich and the beautiful. In fact, they often reject the message.

## 3 The Foreigner and the Eunuch Brought In

Isaiah 56:1–8; Deuteronomy 23:1–3; Ephesians 2

- Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, The Lord will surely separate me from his people.
- For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.
- Eunuchs and people who are from other nations, like the Moabites and the Ammonites, were kept out of the assembly.

- Whether you're a foreigner or whether you're a eunuch, you will have a place and you will have a name in the temple.
- The temple is the Ecclesia. That's very clear in the New Testament.

## 4 A Gentile Brought In With Full Inclusion

Acts 10:34–35; Acts 10:28; Acts 11:3

- And that is that a Gentile is being brought in with full inclusion.
- Truly I understand that God shows no partiality. But in every nation, anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.
- The gospel is not just for some people. The gospel is not just for certain ones who God has already predecided.
- Don't call anything unclean. Don't call anything common, God tells him. That I have cleansed.
- We have the ability to follow Jesus Christ on equal status with everyone else.

## 5 Paul Himself: The Gospel Is for Sinners

- Paul is a devout Pharisee who had been out rounding up people from the way and imprisoning them and killing them, even.
- He thinks he's devoted to Yahweh. And doesn't even realize he's actually opposing him. And when it's made known to him, that's what's happening, he changes.
- These men are seeking the things of God, sometimes even when they don't realize they're doing it the wrong way, and they need someone to help them along the way.
- But the gospel is for that kind of person. It's for the person who's a sinner and desperately needs the transformation that comes from Jesus Christ.

### THE CHALLENGE

Are we willing to take those people in and work with them and help them?  
Because the gospel does not just reach comfortable people, it is for all.

### MY NOTES

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