

THE LIFE CHANGING GOSPEL - PART 2

KEY QUESTION: How have we and are we receiving the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

KEY POINT: Revelation

For part 2 of this resource we are going to unpack the key aspect that separates the Gospel of Transformation from the Tree of Life, versus the Gospel of Information from the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Both trees produce knowledge but only one is transformative in nature.

As we have previously looked at in all of our teaching, these 2 trees represent 2 wisdoms or 2 operating systems. They represent the operating system of God and the operating system of man. They represent one who operates in and from the Spirit and one who operates in and from the flesh. One is of God and the other is demonic.

The Tree of life operates under the wisdom of revelation. The Tree of the knowledge of good and evil operates under the wisdom of reason, rationale and logic. These 2 Trees oppose one another.

The question we must all ask ourselves then is, **"How have we and are we receiving the Gospel of Jesus Christ?"**

Is it through "divine revelation-a living conviction of heart" or is it through "reason, rationale and logic - intellectual human learning?"

What is our answer and what is a Godly response if we in fact come to the realisation that we are partaking from the Tree of the knowledge of good and evil, the Gospel of information?

Discuss this as a group and then action what needs to be actioned.

Let's dive into the Scriptures and see how the great apostle Paul went from being Saul, a man of the flesh, the world, to Paul, a man of the spirit, the kingdom of God. One man but two completely opposing and opposite lives.

Paul testified to this...

Galatians 1:11-12 For I would have you know, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

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Verse 12 is the prophetic utterance of how Paul went from being Saul to becoming the apostle Paul. In this singular verse we can know without any doubt, how every person goes from being a person of the flesh to a person of the Spirit. Paul received the Life changing Gospel through a revelation of Jesus Christ, the Person.

This was not a decision of the mind. This was not a mental or intellectual agreement with hearing about what Jesus accomplished on the cross and agreeing with it. This was not something he was raised in, where he was taught by man and had no other reference for anything else.

This was a life changing, earth shattering moment in time, where Heaven literally pierced into the darkness of the recesses of Paul's heart where the demonic spirit of pride lived, moved and existed. This spirit of pride would be crucified, killed and lose its place of residency in Paul's heart by the intense brightness of the piercing of this new found Light.

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ had been found and established in Paul's heart, replacing the spirit of pride with a brand new spirit, the spirit of humility.

Matthew 5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

When we have only said yes through a mental agreement of the mind to the reality of what Jesus accomplished, as opposed to receiving the living conviction, Jesus Himself, in our hearts, the spirit of pride in the heart lies untouched. In other words, the heart lies uncircumcised, un-crucified by the power of God. The spirit of pride is covered by love but not crucified by love, and only the Gospel received through the revelation of Jesus Christ crucifies this spirit of darkness.

1 Corinthians 1:18 For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

It is the power of God that changes us on the inside, releasing us from the spirit of pride which is burdensome, bringing us into the spirit of humility which is freedom.

The word revelation is the word 'apocalypse' which means unveiling, unraveling, the revealing of.

This word 'apocalypse' has been misused and taken completely out of context when it comes to God. We tend to think 'the great apocalypse' is all about doom and gloom, the end as we know it, as opposed to the great apocalypse, the great unveiling, unraveling, the revealing of Jesus Christ.

Revelation and revelation alone brings us into the knowledge of God which changes and transforms us.

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QUESTIONS

- 1. Why is revelation the ONLY way to life in the knowledge of Christ?
- 2. Why is a mental or intellectual agreement with the words on the page so deceptive and dangerous in relation to our true knowing of God?
- 3. What kind of life can we expect to experience if we are receiving the Word of God through the revelation of Jesus Christ?
- 4. What kind of life can we expect to be able to fully live if we are receiving the Word of God through the revelation of Jesus Christ?
- 5. What are you personally being made aware of through this resource when it comes to your walk with Christ?