

Studies of the King & His Kingdom

Mastering the Basics Lesson 3

What did Paul Preach to the Gentiles?

What did Paul Preach to the Gentiles? When Jesus went about preaching the message, “Repent, for the kingdom of God or the rule of God was at hand,” the Jews seemed to understand it. When Paul taught the same message to Gentiles he used the word “Lord” instead of the word “King.” “King” was a foreign term in Gentile usage, but they understood completely “Caesar is Lord.” He is deity, he is maximum authority, he is the boss. Christian gentiles said, “No, Caesar is not Lord, Jesus is Lord!” He is Deity, He is our authority, He is our boss, He is God (Acts 26:18; Romans 1:1,3; John 20:28).

The Apostle Paul said, “That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved” (Romans 10:9 NASV).

On the day of Pentecost the Apostle Peter said the same thing. This Jesus that you have crucified, God has raised, and has made Him both Lord and Messiah (Acts 2:36). The call for response was the same as when Jesus and John preached the kingdom message. Repent, have a change of heart and mind, turn from darkness to light, for Satan’s authority unto God’s and be baptized – identifying with the Messiah Jesus. You also shall receive God’s promised Holy Spirit.

Christ’s death, burial and resurrection was the foundation that secured God’s right to have absolute authority over those who had turned to God. Romans 14:9 says, “This is why Christ died and came to life again, to establish his lordship over dead and living...” (New English Bible). The Apostle Paul stated that as believers we “are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s” (1 Cor. 6:20).

The gospel message contains the good news that God has redeemed man, [freed and released them from the clutches of Satan] to serve the living and true God (1 Thessalonians 1:9). Which master do you serve, whose authority are you under? Have you turned from darkness to light, from Satan’s authority unto God’s that you may receive the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 26:18) ?

The preaching of the gospel of the kingdom is the only message that brings the righteousness of God [being made right with God, as a gift, through Jesus blood], and the truth of being under God’s authority and rule [holiness], into the lives of men and women who have decided to become Jesus disciples.

Questions

1. Read Luke 6:46. The word “Lord” means: a. master. b. ruler. c. boss. d. king. e. the one who has the right to control your life. f. deity. g. all of the above.
2. Read Acts 2:36. God has made Jesus, the one who was crucified to be both: a. a good man & a good teacher. b. to be Lord & the promised Messiah (Christ). c. a Pharisee & a scribe.
3. Read Acts 2:37. When people heard that Jesus was the Lord (Master) and Messiah, they were: a. glad. b. sad. c. pricked in their heart, that is, convicted deeply.
4. Read Acts 2:38. What did the Apostle Peter tell the people to do: a. repent. b. be baptized. c. receive forgiveness through Jesus. d. receive the Holy Spirit. e. all of the above (that is, a.,b.,c., & d.). f. ask Jesus into their heart.
5. Read Acts 26:18-20. Repentance means: a. Having a change of heart toward God. b. turning from spiritual darkness to the light. c. turning from Satan’s authority to God’s authority. d. turning to God & proving you have turned by the good works that you do. e. all of the above.
6. Read Romans 14:9 & 1 Cor.6:19-20. Christ death, burial, and resurrection was the foundation that secured God’s right to have absolute authority over those who have turned to God. True or False.
7. Read 1 John 3:8; Acts 10:38 & Colossians 1:13-14. The gospel message contains the good news that God has redeemed man, that is, freed and released them from the clutches of Satan. True or False.
8. Read Romans 6:17-18,22. The preaching of the gospel of the kingdom is the only message that brings: a. health & wealth together. b. justification [being made right with God as a gift through Jesus blood] and sanctification [holiness – being set apart unto God] together. c. religions together.
9. Read Acts 28:28-31. What message did the Apostle Paul preach?

Scriptures to use with Questions

1. **Read Luke 6:46.** [46] And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?

2. **Read Acts 2:36.** [36] Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.

3. **Read Acts 2:37.** [37] Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?

4. **Read Acts 2:38.** [38] Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

5. **Read Acts 26:18-20.** [18] To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. [19] Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: [20] But showed first unto them of Damascus, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the coasts of Judaea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance.

6. **Read Romans 14:9 & 1 Cor.6:19-20. Romans 14:** [9] For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living. **1 Cor.6:** [19] What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? [20] For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

7. **Read 1 John 3:8; Acts 10:38 & Colossians 1:13-14. 1 John 3:** [8] He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. **Acts 10:** [38] How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. **Colossians 1:** [13] Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: [14] In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

8. **Read Romans 6:17-18,22.** [17] But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. [18] Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. [22] But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

9. **Read Acts 28:28-31.** [28] Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it. [29] And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, and had great reasoning among

themselves. [30] And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, [31] Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him.

Answer Key – Lesson 3 The Preaching of Paul to the Gentiles

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