

THE PURE GOSPEL OF CHRIST.

Question.—What does the word *Gospel* mean?

Answer.—Glad tidings or good news.

Q.—What will the Gospel do for us?

A.—It is the power of God unto salvation. (Romans 1:16, 17.)

Q.—What does the Gospel relate to, or what is it about?

A.—It is called the Gospel or “glad tidings of the kingdom of God.”—Matt. 4:23; Mark 1:14, 15; Luke 8:1.

Q.—Was the Gospel preached before the days of John?

A.—Yes, to Abraham. (Gal. 3:8.) And to the Israelites. (Heb. 4:2.) And by Noah. (2 Peter 2:5.)

Q.—Was the “Gospel of the kingdom” to be preached after Christ?

A.—“And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations.”—Matt. 24:14; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:3.

Q.—Did Paul and others preach the kingdom of God?

A.—“I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.”—Acts 20:25; 28:23, 31; 8:12.

Q.—If Paul preached “the kingdom of God” what shall be said of those who preach differently?

A.—Paul said that such should be accursed. (Gal. 1:9, 10.)

Q.—Is the Church of Christ the kingdom of God?

A.—Yes. (See Matt. 16:18, 19; Luke 16:16; Col. 1:12; Rev. 1:9.)

Q.—What did Paul represent the church to be like?

A.—To a body with various members. (Rom. 12:4, 5; 1 Cor. 12:12, 13.)

Q.—What are the members of this body of Christ?

A.—Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers, Bishops, Elders, Deacons, Gifts of Faith, Wisdom, Knowledge, Prophecy, Miracles, Healings, Tongues, etc. (1 Cor. 12:27, 28; Rom. 12:5-8; Eph. 4:11-16; 2 Cor. 14:1, 39.)

Q.—Were not all these done away as being unnecessary?

A.—John Wesley says they ceased “because the Christians had all turned heathens again, and had not the Spirit of Christ.”—Wesley’s Sermon on “The more excellent way.”

Q.—If the Church is the kingdom of God, how do we enter therein?

A.—“Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”—John 3:5; Titus 3:5.

Q.—Is baptism, or the birth of the water necessary to salvation?

A.—“The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us.”—1 Peter 3:20, 21.

Q.—Is baptism necessary to obtain forgiveness of sins?

A.—“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.”—Acts 2:38; 22:16; also Article 27, Church of England. “Baptism administered to real penitents is both a means and a seal of pardon. Nor did God ordinarily in the primitive Church bestow this on any, unless through these means.”—John Wesley’s note on Acts 22:16.

Q.—What is the proper term of baptism?

A.—“Buried with him in baptism.”—Col. 2: 12; Rom. 6: 3, 4. “And were all baptized of him in the river of Jordan, confessing their sins.”—Mark 1: 5. “*We are buried with him*—alluding to the ancient manner of baptizing by immersion.”—John Wesley’s note on Rom. 6: 4.

Q.—What followed baptism by immersion anciently?

A.—“Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.”—Acts 8: 12-19; 19: 5, 6; 9: 17. “And when they believed they were to be baptized with the baptism, not of the Jews, or of John, but of Christ. The next thing they were to lay hands upon them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost.”—Wesley’s note on Heb. 6: 2.

Q.—What followed the belief of the Gospel formerly?

A.—Various spiritual gifts, or signs. (See Mark 16: 17-20; 1 Cor. 12: 4, 11; Rom. 11: 6-8.)

Q.—Why are not the foregoing truths preached in the so-called popular Churches? Why are not Apostles and Prophets found in the Church to-day? Why do not the Spiritual Gifts exist to-day?

A.—Because, as Paul said, that “in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils.”—1 Tim. 4: 1. And the “time will come

when they will *not endure sound doctrine*; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”—2 Tim. 4: 3, 4. And Jesus said, “Nevertheless when the Son of Man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”—Luke 18: 8.

Q.—Is the foregoing doctrine or Gospel taught in these days?

A.—Yes, by the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Q.—What else do they teach?

A.—Christ the only Savior, God the Father the only living and true God. The birth, the teachings, the works, the death, the burial, the resurrection, the ascension into heaven, and the second personal coming, and reign on earth of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the restoration of the throne and kingdom of David. The resurrection of all the dead, and indeed all Bible truth.

Q.—But do they not believe in polygamy?

A.—No, but that polygamy is an error and an evil of the Devil.

Q.—Do they not lay aside the Bible and believe something instead of the Bible?

A.—No, the Latter Day Saints believe the Bible that they and all others should “Live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”—Matt. 4: 4. They believe that because God is unchangeable, his Gospel and his Church are to be the same in all ages.

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