

Salvation is NOT by Association - Part 12 - The Kingdom of God is the Gospel- THAT'S IT!

Matthew 15:1-14

1 Then some Pharisees and scribes *came to Jesus from Jerusalem and said, 2 "Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." 3 And He answered and said to them, "Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition? 4 For God said, 'Honor your father and mother,' and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother is to be put to death.' 5 But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever I have that would help you has been given to God," 6 he is not to honor his father or his mother.' And by this you invalidated the word of God for the sake of your tradition. 7 You hypocrites, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you:

8 'This people honors Me with their lips,

But their heart is far away from Me.

9 'But in vain do they worship Me,

Teaching as doctrines the precepts of men.'"

10 After Jesus called the crowd to Him, He said to them, "Hear and understand. 11 It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man." 12 Then the disciples *came and *said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?" 13 But He answered and said, "Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be uprooted. 14 Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit."

Luke 4:42-44 42 When day came, Jesus left and went to a secluded place; and the crowds were searching for Him, and came to Him and tried to keep Him from going away from them. 43 But He said to them, "**I MUST preach the kingdom of God** to the other cities also, **for I was sent FOR THIS PURPOSE.**"

44 So He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

Acts 19:10 This took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia **heard the word of the Lord**, both Jews and Greeks.

8 And he entered the synagogue and continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them about **THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

Acts 28:16-31

16 When we entered Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who was guarding him. 17 After three days Paul called together those who were the leading men of the Jews, and when they came together, he began saying to them, "Brethren, though I had done nothing against our people or the customs of our fathers, yet I was delivered as a prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans. 18 And when they had examined me, they were willing to release me because there was no ground for putting me to death. 19 But when the Jews objected, I was forced to appeal to Caesar, not that I had any accusation against my nation. 20 For this reason, therefore, I requested to see you and to speak with you, for I am wearing this chain for the sake of the hope of Israel."

21 They said to him, "We have neither received letters from Judea concerning you, nor have any of the brethren come here and reported or spoken anything bad about you. 22 But we desire to hear from you what your views are; for concerning this sect, it is known to us that it is spoken against everywhere."

23 When they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about **THE KINGDOM OF GOD** and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening. 24 Some were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe. 25 And when they did not agree with one another, they began leaving after Paul had spoken one parting word, "The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers, 26 saying,

`GO to this people and say,

" You will keep on hearing, but will not understand;

And you will keep on seeing, but will not perceive;

27 For the heart of this people has become dull,

And with their ears they scarcely hear,

And they have closed their eyes;

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,

And hear with their ears,

And understand with their heart and return,

And I would heal them."

28 Therefore let it be known to you **THAT THIS SALVATION OF GOD** has been sent to the Gentiles; they will also listen."

29 [When he had spoken these words, the Jews departed, having a great dispute among themselves.]

30 And he stayed two full years in his own rented quarters and was welcoming all who came to him, 31 preaching **THE KINGDOM OF GOD** and teaching concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all openness, unhindered.

Luke 4:43-44 43 But He said to them, "**I must preach the kingdom of God** to the other cities also, **for I was sent for this purpose.**" 44 So He kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

2 John 1:9-11

9 **Anyone** who goes too far and **does not abide in the teaching of Christ**, does not have God; **the one who abides in the teaching**, he has both the Father and the Son. 10 **If anyone** comes to you **and does not bring this teaching**, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; 11 for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds.