Philippians Series
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Philippians What is the Gospel? – Part 4 Philippians 1:12–14



12. What is the focus of the gospel?

1 Cor. 2:2, "For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified."

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- 6 Elements Emphasized in This Expression of evangelizo.
- 1. The angel described the message as the message of life (Acts 5:20), "all the words of this life."
- 2. The resurrection and ascension are stated in Acts 5:30-31.
- 3. Repentance for Israel is mentioned, but not repentance from sin, Deut. 30:1–3 "turn to God."
- 4. Forgiveness of sins is emphasized in Acts 5:31.
- 5. All grounded on His death: "whom you murdered by hanging on a tree," Acts 5:30.
- 6. Acts 5:42: Proclaiming the good news of Jesus as the Messiah.

b. Acts 8—The death of Stephen and the aftermath of Philip the evangelist.

Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. [εὖαγγελιζόμενοι τὸν λόγον. *Evanggelizomenoi ton logon*] "proclaiming the good news of the word," Acts 8:4

Acts 8:5, "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria and preached [kerusso] Christ to them." ~NKJV

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Samaritans had a different Bible than the Jews. They only had the Pentateuch, and rejected the rest of the Hebrew Scripture. So, they needed to also learn about the future kingdom of the Messiah.

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The object of belief is the message about the person of Jesus Christ.

Acts 8:19, "saying, 'Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit.'

Acts 8:20, "But Peter said to him, 'Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!

Acts 8:21, "You have neither part nor portion in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God.

Acts 8:22, "'Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you.'" ~NKJV

μετανοέω metanoeō 2 sing aor act impera to change the mind ~NIDNTT

Acts 8:25, "Now when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord (*laleo-to speak*), they returned to Jerusalem, <u>preaching [proclaiming the good news] the gospel [evangelizo]</u> to many villages of the Samaritans."

Acts 8:35, "Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning with this Scripture he told him the good news [evangelizo] about Jesus."

Acts 8:40, "But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he passed through he preached the gospel [evangelized] to all the towns until he came to Caesarea."

Peter and Cornelius, Acts 10







1. Cornelius, a centurion who was a proselyte described as a devout [godly-eusebēs] man

2. Then when Peter came to Cornelius' house, Peter explained to them, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ—Acts 10:36

Acts 10:36, "The word which God sent to the children of Israel, proclaiming the good news of peace [evangelizo] through Jesus Christ—He is Lord of all— ~RD

Acts 10:37, "that word you know that happened throughout all Judea, and began from Galilee after the baptism which John preached [kerusso]:" ~RD

Acts 10:39, "And we are witnesses of all things which He did both in the land of the Jews and in Jerusalem, whom they killed by hanging on a tree.

Acts 10:40, "Him God raised up on the third day, and showed Him openly,"

Acts 10:42, "And He [Lord Jesus Christ (LJC)] commanded us to preach [kerusso] to the people, and to testify that it is He [LJC] who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead.

Acts 10:43, "To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins."

ἄφεσις aphesis
fem sing acc
forgiveness,
release,
remission

τὸν πιστεύοντα εἰς αὐτόν ton pisteuonta eis auton art pres act ptcp prep pronoun relative whoever believes on Him

Acts 10: The Good News Proclaimed Emphasized

- 1. Proclaiming peace, i.e., reconciliation toward God, Acts 10:36
- 2. Reconciliation is "through Jesus Christ"
- 3. His Person
 - He is Lord, i.e., Yhwh
 - Anointed by the Holy Spirit
 - Evidences of Messiah: doing good, healing, casting out demons
- 4. His death, the death on the cross
- 5. His resurrection and appearances
- 6. His appointment to the Judge of the living and the dead

Acts 11:17, "If therefore God gave them the same gift as He gave us when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could withstand God?" ~NKJV

πιστεύσασιν ἐπὶ τὸν κύριον Ἰησοῦν Χριστόν pisteusasin <u>epi</u> ton kurion 'lessoun "when we believed <u>on</u> the Lord"

epi used in Matt. 27:42; Acts 9:42; 11:17;

16:31; 22:19; Rom. 4:5, 24

Acts 11:18, "When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, 'Then God has also granted to the Gentiles <u>repentance</u> to life.'

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μετάνοια *metanoia* fem sing acc BDAG: primarily 'a change of mind'

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Acts 15:8, "So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us,

Acts 15:9, "and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith." [dative of means]

Acts 15:19, "Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are <u>turning</u> to God,"

έπιστρέφω *epistrephō* pres act part masc plur dat to turn back, return, <u>turn</u>

- Gal. 1:1, "Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead),
- Gal. 1:2, "and all the brethren who are with me, to the churches of Galatia:
- Gal. 1:3, "Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ,
- Gal. 1:4, "who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father,
- Gal. 1:5, "to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen."