THE ORIGINAL GOSPEL Rom.1:14-17 Ed Dye

I. INTRODUCTION

- 1. Since there is such a thing as, and we have a divine record of, the original church, as well as the original worship of that original church in the local sense, we would also expect there to be such a thing as and a divine record of the original gospel.
- 2. And as expected, there is such a thing as the original gospel and a divine record of it, which record is found in the N.T. scriptures.
- 3. It's the burden of this the third lesson in this series on Bringing Back The Original to examine the N.T. scriptures to identify that original gospel.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. 1ST, THE ORIGINAL GOSPEL IS THE GOSPEL THAT WAS PROMISED AFORE BY GOD'S PROPHETS IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES CONCERNING GOD'S SON JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, Rom.1:1-4; Cf. Gal.3:6-8 (Gen.12:1-3; 22:18); Gal.3:16-19,22-29.
- B. 2ND, THE ORIGINAL GOSPEL IS THE GOSPEL JESUS CHRIST COMMISSIONED HIS CHOSEN APOSTLES TO PREACH TO EVERY CREATURE, OR TO ALL NATIONS, BEGINNING AT JERUSALEM ON PENTECOST, Mk.16:14-16; Mt.28:18-20; Lk.24:44-52; Ac.1:1-8; 1:26-2:41.
- C. 3RD, THE ORIGINAL GOSPEL IS SAID TO BE THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO THE OBEDIENT BELIEVERS, BOTH JEW AND GENTILE, Rom.1:14-16; 1Pet.4:17; 1Pet.1:18-25; 2Th.1:6-10.
- D. 4TH, THE ORIGINAL GOSPEL IS THE GOSPEL BY WHICH THOSE OF N.T. TIMES, THOSE OF THE ORIGINAL CHURCH, WHO WERE CHOSEN OF GOD, WERE CALLED AND SAVED, 2Th.2:10-14; 1Th.1:1-7; Col.1:3-6,21-23; 1Cor.15:1,2
- E. 5TH, THE ORIGINAL GOSPEL WHICH THE APOSTLES OF CHRIST WERE COMMISSIONED TO PREACH TO EVERY CREATURE

(Mk.16:15,16), THE GOSPEL WHICH THEY DID PREACH TO ALL CREATION (COL.1:23), IS IDENTIFIED AS THE ONE GOSPELOF CHRIST, THE FAITH, THE ONE FAITH, OF JESUS CHRIST (GAL.1:6-12,15-17,21-23; EPH.4:5) AND WHICH PEOPLE OBEYED WHEN THEY OBEYED GOSPEL TO BE SAVED (AC.6:7; 2TH.1:6-8).

- F. 6TH, THE ORIGINAL CHURCH WAS COMPOSED OF ALL THE SAVED WHO BY FAITH OBEYED THE ORIGINAL GOSPEL BY VIRTURE OF BEING ADDED TO IT BY THE LORD HIMSELF WHEN OR AT THE TIME THEY WERE SAVED, AC.2:36-41,47.
 - 1. Then those saved in different localities and added by the Lord to the church in the universal sense joined themselves together in local churches of the same faith and order for the purpose of work and worship. Examples:
 - a. The church at Rome, Rom.1:1-11,14-17; 16:16.
 - b. The church at Corinth, Ac.18:8; 1Cor.15:1,2; 1Cor.1:1,2.
 - c. The church at Ephesus, Eph.1:13; Ac.18:24-19:5; Eph.5:23-27; 1:1; 2:11-22.

III. CONCLUSION

- 1. There is only one original gospel of Christ, another gospel is not another, but a perverted gospel of Christ, or a perversion of the original, Gal.1:6,7.
- 2. The person who preaches any other gospel than this one original gospel of Christ is accursed, Gal.1:8,9.
- 3. To preach another gospel is to please men, not God, and is to cease to be a servant of Christ, Gal.1:10.
- 4. This original, certified gospel didn't originate with men, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ, and was according to God's eternal purpose, Gal.1:11,12; Eph.3:1-11.
- 5. It's the faith once for all delivered, and the one for which we must continue to earnest contend, Jude 3.
 - a. Once for all delivered.
 - b. A permanent deposit.
 - c. Never to be superceded, emended or modified.
 - d. It stands complete, perfect, an adequate and inviolable deposit of truth.

- e. Not to be violated; of perpetual validity.
- f. A revealed, declared, and set faith. Cf. 1Cor.2:9-13.
- 6. How dare any one speak of the faith of your choice or my choice; or of your faith and my faith, or of many faiths from which to choose!
- 7. It is no more scriptural and acceptable to God to do that than it would be to claim:
 - a. The gospel of your choice, or many gospels from which to choose!
 - b. The Lord or the Christ of your choice, or many Lord's or Christs from which to choose!
 - c. The God of your choice, or many Gods from which to choose!
- 8. We must not be ashamed of this gospel (Rom.1:16); but believe it, preach it, defend it not just the preachers, but all the saints.
 - a. It's the obligation of one and all alike!
- 9. Due to present and continuous perversions of the original gospel of Christ, by Perverters of varied degrees and stripes, our obligation concerning its preservation and defense continues!