

## “THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST”

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**TEXT: 11 Corinth. 4:3-7**  
**The Lord placed this treasure in earthen vessels.**

- The Gospel is the lens thru which **we see God**.
- To mar the Gospel is to deface **the portrait of Christ**.
- To veil the Gospel blinds the minds of **those we seek**.
- Your love & loyalty to the Gospel is **revealed by your love & loyalty to Jesus Christ**.

**Ephesians 2:8-9 tells what the Gospel “is” and “is not”.**

### 1. What the Gospel is:

- A. “A Gift” Rom. 5:15-17, 6:23
- B. “By Grace” Rom. 11:6
- The Gospel must be **Free** or it is not the Gospel.
  - The Gospel must be **Forever** or it is not the Gospel.
  - Scriptures that says you have Eternal Life forever:
  - John 3:16, 5:24, 6:47, 10:28, 20:31
  - You cannot know that you really believe, until you can say “I have it, (Eternal Life)”.
  - A man cannot know he is saved, until he believes in Eternal Security.
  - Since the **Gospel** and **Eternal Security** is the same, if a person doesn’t believe in Eternal Security, they don’t believe the Gospel!
  - Example of **Water** in John 4:10
  - Example of **Bread** in John 6:28-35

### 2. “What the Gospel is not” “...not of works” Eph. 2:8, 9

*To trust in the commitment of a performance, (regardless of how small), constitutes works for salvation. Rom. 4:5*

Therefore:

- A. Lordship Salvation, which teaches you must make Christ the Lord of your life to be saved, is not true. Mark 12:28-31 shows that this is law. This teaches you must **promise to start being good**.
- B. Repent of your sins, which is taught as turning from your bad deeds to be saved is not true. Luke 13:1
- This teaches that you must promise to **stop being bad**.

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