

# What you do when you do not obey the Gospel

ROMANS 10:8-21

# What does it mean to Obey the Gospel?

- ▶ You must **Call on the Name of the Lord**
- ▶ Romans 10:13 For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”
- ▶ It requires **Believing** and **Hearing**
- ▶ Romans 10:14 How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?
- ▶ Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

# What does it mean to Obey the Gospel?

- ▶ You must **Repent** of your sins
- ▶ Acts 3:19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,
- ▶ You must **Confess** that Jesus Is the son of God.
- ▶ Romans 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved
- ▶ You must be **Baptized**
- ▶ Acts 2:38 Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

# The Bible teaches many do not Obey

- ▶ Romans 10:16 - **They have not all obeyed the Gospel**
- ▶ But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “LORD, who has believed our report?”
- ▶ Romans 10: 18 **Have they not heard**
- ▶ But I say, have they not heard? Yes indeed:“Their sound has gone out to all the earth, And their words to the ends of the world.”
- ▶ Romans 10:21 **I have stretched out my hands**
- ▶ But to Israel he says:“All day long I have stretched out My hands To a disobedient and contrary people.
- ▶ **There are severe consequences for disobedience.**

# You attempt to overthrow the Power of God

- ▶ The disobedient are not more powerful than God
- ▶ The gospel is God's Power to save Rom 1:16
- ▶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

# The Gospel is God's Power to Save

- ▶ This is the only means God will use: Matt 28:18-20 and Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Go <sup>[a]</sup>therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." <sup>[b]</sup>Amen. , Luke 24:47

# The Gospel is God's Power to Save

- ▶ Examples of conversion – Cornelius
- ▶ Acts 10:6 He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He<sup>[a]</sup> will tell you what you must do
- ▶ Acts 11:14 – who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved (PETER)
- ▶ Acts 16:31-32 – Philippian Jailor So they said, “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household.” <sup>32</sup> Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house.
- ▶ To disobey is to choose damnation Acts 13:46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

# You make the Death of Christ of No Effect

- ▶ The universal atonement of Christ's death Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.
- ▶ The Gospel invites all men to it Matt 11:28-30 Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For My yoke is easy and My burden is light

# You make the Death of Christ of No Effect

- ▶ We make Jesus' death ineffectual
  - ▶ 1 Cor 1:17 For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. ,
  - ▶ Gal 2:21 I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died in vain."

# You resist the Holy Spirit

- ▶ We are told do not grieve the Spirit
- ▶ Eph 4:30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption
- ▶ The Holy Spirit convicts and converts men
- ▶ John 3:3-5 Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”<sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?”<sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

# You resist the Holy Spirit

- ▶ The apostles were guided by the Spirit
- ▶ Jn 14:26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.
- ▶ He convicts and converts thru the Gospel
- ▶ Eph 5:26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word
- ▶ Those who reject the Gospel reject the Spirit
- ▶ Acts 7:51 *You* stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so do you

# You make the work of the apostles and prophets be in vain

- ▶ The apostles worked the ministry of reconciliation
- ▶ 2 Cor 5:18-21 <sup>18</sup>Now all things *are* of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, <sup>19</sup> that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not [a]imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.<sup>20</sup> Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore *you* on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

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- ▶ The apostles preached the work of reconciliation 1 Cor 3:5-11 <sup>5</sup>Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? <sup>6</sup>I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. <sup>7</sup>So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. <sup>8</sup>Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. <sup>9</sup>For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building. <sup>10</sup>According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But let each one take heed how he builds on it. <sup>11</sup>For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

# You make the work of the apostles and prophets be in vain

- ▶ Disobedience nullifies that Gospel ministry. Paul wrote in I Thess 3:5 For this reason, when I could no longer endure it, I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter had tempted you, and our labor might be in vain.,
- ▶ Phil 2:12-16 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; <sup>13</sup> for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.<sup>14</sup> Do all things without <sup>[a]</sup>complaining and disputing,<sup>[b]</sup> <sup>15</sup> that you may become blameless and <sup>[c]</sup>harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup> holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ that I have not run in vain or labored in vain.

# Conclusion

- ▶ Men can and do obey the Gospel call – not obeying will result in the Severe consequences that God has promised
- ▶ Obeying the Gospel will also result in the fulfillment of the promise Jesus Jn 14:2 In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it* were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.
- ▶ Won't you obey the Gospel today?