

## Short Studies for the Skeptic Series

### *The Ultimate Bible Trivia Challenge*

We're going to take advantage of Dave Reese's (BA, MRE, DRE, PHD, THD) chart I recently posted, in presenting evidence of there being more than one gospel, to bring a series of short studies in backing such claim. I've been declaring this truth for over fifty years and still amazed at the rejection of such a notion by many professing Christians which include theologians, pastors, teachers and the typical church-goer.

If the reader is one who is still hesitant of the idea of there being more than one gospel, we're going to lay a simple foundation, in this first study, to which will generate the ultimate Bible Trivia challenge.

Shortly after coming to saving faith in Christ, a question was raised in regards as to how Old Testament saints were saved. There were two responses. The first being that theologians were still debating that. The second being that O.T. Saints looked forward to the cross much the same way as one looks back at the cross today. Really?

In calling attention to Luke 18:31-34 on the chart, if the Twelve who just spent 3 years with Jesus in '**preaching the gospel**' were ignorant of the very elements which would no doubly be agreed upon as being the gospel today (1Cor. 15:1-4), how could it even be entertained that O.T. Saints were saved by looking forward to the cross?

We will now generate our Bible Trivia challenge based on one of the most commonly used passages in the Bible when witnessing Christ. The context is Paul distinguishing the difference between imputed righteousness under the law from that of '**of faith, which we preach**'; **Rom 10:8-10** But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, *even* in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; <sup>9</sup> That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

We'll end this first study with this challenge. Given Genesis 1:1 through Malachi 4, show evidence of just one O.T. Saint that was saved confessing with their mouth the Lord Jesus, believing in their heart that God would raise him from the dead. **Just one?!**

In the next study, we'll deal with an apparent hesitancy exhibited by many about this theme.

## THERE IS MORE THAN ONE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE

**Luke 9:1-6** "Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases.  
2 And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.  
3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for *your* journey, neither staves, nor scrip, neither bread, neither money; neither have two coats apiece.  
4 And whatsoever house ye enter into, there abide, and thence depart.  
5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.  
6 And they departed, and went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where.

**Luke 18:31-34** "Then he took *unto him* the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.  
32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:  
33 And they shall scourge *him*, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again.  
34 And they understood none of these things; and this saying was hid from them, neither knew they the things which were spoken.

**1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-4** Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;  
2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.  
3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;  
4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: