**Series: Acts 26:16-29 The Apostle Paul’s Ministry**

* **Acts 26:16-19** - But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee, **to open their eyes**, and to **turn them from darkness to light**, and **from the power of Satan unto God**, that they may **receive forgiveness of sins**, and **inheritance** among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto **the heavenly vision**:

**Note: TO LIVE IS CHRIST! - Philippians 1:21** - For **to me to live is Christ**, and to die is gain.

* **“Soul life” is dead! (4 Lifes: Breath of Life** (Gen. 2:7) **– Blood Life** (Lev. 17.11) **– Spiritual Life – Eternal Life)**
  + **Genesis 3:22-24 -** And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and **take also of the tree of life**, and **eat**, and **live for ever**: therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, **to keep the way of the tree of life**.
* **The dispensation of the soul ended at The Cross.**
* **True life (eternal life) is in Christ. The soul without life (Christ) is a “dead man walking,” and needs to find the Tree of Life. ---The soul that has life (Christ), must live unto Christ (submission) AND as Christ (likeness/fruit).**
* **Why? Because Christ is their life**
* **2 Corinthians 5:14-15 -** For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: and that he died for all, that **they which live** should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.
  + - Who are “they which live?”
* **Galatians 2:20 - I am crucified with Christ**: nevertheless I live; **yet not I, but Christ liveth in me**: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
  + - What part of you was crucified with Christ?
    - What is “the faith of the Son of God”
* **Galatians 5:24-25 -** And **they that are Christ's** have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. **If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit**.
  + **“if we live in the Spirit” =** we’re alive (spiritually) because we are joined to the Spirit (1 Corinthians 15:45)
  + **“let us also walk in the Spirit” =** let us live our lives in the Spirit
  + **Colossians 3:1-4** - If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. **For ye are dead**, and **your life is hid with Christ in God**. When **Christ, who is our life**, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.
  + “for ye are dead” – what part of you is dead?
    - **Ezekial 36:25-27 (NLT)** - Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. And **I will give you a new heart**, and I will put a new spirit in you. **I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart**. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.

**Note: The soul that has life must be taught how to live in Christ (the Father’s house) and as Christ (as a Son) …when two become one (marriage) the woman loses her identity to gain the man’s identity. Therefore, though she (soul) be the soul, she is no more soul, but Spirit.**

* **We can’t live the life without knowledge and understanding!** (Many Christians are poor representation/ambassadors because they lack knowledge and/or understanding)

**Subject: Proverbs 9:9-10 Knowledge Of The Holy One Is Understanding**

* + **Proverbs 4:7** - Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: And with all thy getting get understanding.
    - ***“principal thing”*** = what does this mean?
    - ***“get understanding”*** – get understanding of who/what?
    - How does someone “get understanding?” / what’s the “bridge” between wisdom and understanding? **Prov. 9:10**
  + **Proverbs 9:9-10 (CSB)** - Instruct the wise, and he will be wiser still; teach the righteous, and he will learn more. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and the **knowledge of the Holy One is understanding**.
    - ***“instruct the wise”*** – instruct the one who has wisdom (Christ)
    - ***“teach the righteous”*** – teach the son of God
    - ***“the fear of the Lord”*** = reverence, respect
  + Receiving Christ IN YOU is the “principal thing.” It is the beginning of our (eternal) walk with God. It’s the start, not the “end all, be all.” –From that point on, we must continually learn about Christ and learn how to life our lives as sons of God in the Father’s house (learn how to be heavenly/spiritual).
* **Soul Talk Part 4: Representation From The Inside Out (Renew Your Mind) – *“Renewal is the bridge between spiritual salvation and physical transformation”*** 
  + **Romans 12:1-2** – I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, **which is your reasonable service**. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed **by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
    - ***“present your bodies a living sacrifice”*** – what does Paul mean when he says “present your bodies?” –Is he talking about your physical body? (yes or no)
    - Think ***“keep the temple clean”***
      * Where does Christ live?
      * Christ died and shed his blood to cleanse the soul and made her new within himself. In return, the soul must keep herself clean (that’s her reasonable service/least she can do)!
    - **Romans 12:1-2 (AMP)** - Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present **your bodies** [dedicating all of **yourselves**, set apart] as a living sacrifice, holy and well-pleasing to God, which is your rational (logical, intelligent) act of worship. And **do not be conformed to this world** [any longer with its superficial values and customs], but **be transformed and progressively changed** [as you mature spiritually] by the renewing of your mind [focusing on godly values and ethical attitudes], so that you may **prove [for yourselves]** what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect [in His plan and purpose for you].
      * ***“yourselves”*** – remember the “self-man” is the “soul man” = the mind
      * ***“don’t be conformed to this world”*** – Why? Because we were predestinated to be conformed to the image of his son!
        + **Romans 8:29** - For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
        + **Conform:** (1) be similar in form or type; agree: (2) behave according to socially acceptable conventions or standards
        + The mind (soul) must be conformed to Christ

**2 Corinthians 6:14-16** - Don’t team up with those who are unbelievers. How can righteousness be a partner with wickedness? How can light live with darkness? What harmony can there be between Christ and the devil? How can a believer be a partner with an unbeliever? And what union can there be between God’s temple and idols? For we are the temple of the living God. As God said: “I will live in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people. Therefore, **come out from among unbelievers, and separate yourselves from them, says the Lord**. Don’t touch their filthy things, and I will welcome you. And I will be your Father, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.

**Key** – we conform to the spirits that we are joined to

* + - * ***“prove for yourselves what the will of God is”* –** it’s the mind (soul) that is instructed in the knowledge of Godby the Holy Spirit
        + ***“prove” =*** to understand
        + Remember the example of solving the math problem and the teacher asks you to “show your work” = prove that you understand the answer…if you can’t prove it, then you don’t really understand it (and what you don’t understand can be taken from you)
        + Who is the “perfect will of God?”
        + **Therefore, the purpose of transforming/renewing the mind**

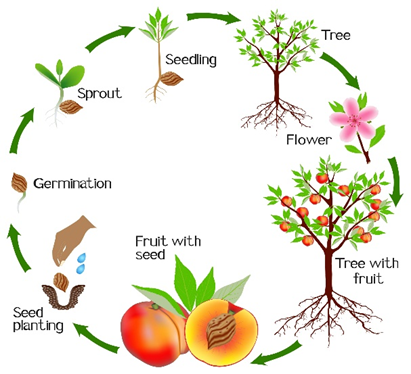
**(1)** get the soul (mind) to understand the will of God = Christ

**(2)** so that the soul (mind) can be transformed (and be conformed to the image of the Son)

**Last Week APIC:**

* **Ignorant** - When a person is described as ignorant, it **means they lack knowledge, understanding, or education** about a specific topic. They may be **unaware of facts**, **unaware of their own ignorance**, or uneducated in a certain field.
  + “I would not that ye be ignorant” or “know ye not”
  + To us who are in Christ, although we are no longer in darkness (flesh, realm of ignorance), we still need the storage banks of ignorance dispelled from our minds
* Understanding (from the message “Why Christ Is Not Born In Me” 10/6/24)
  + The power to comprehend knowledge
  + To perceive the meaning of knowledge & how it works
  + The ability to apply knowledge/knowing how to use knowledge
  + To have the revelation of knowledge **\*\*\*if the message isn’t taught by revelation (by the Holy Spirit), then you can’t get understanding**
    - **Ephesians 3:1-6 -** For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles, if ye have heard of the dispensation of **the grace of God** which is given me to you-ward: how that **by revelation he made known unto me** the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, **when ye read**, **ye may understand my knowledge in the mystery of Christ**) which in other ages was not made known unto the sons of men, as it is now revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit; that the Gentiles should be fellowheirs, and of the same body, and partakers of his promise in Christ by the gospel:
    - **2 Timothy 2:15 - Study** to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.
      * **Although there is no works in grace, there is no shortcut to understanding!** ---Everything is freely given, but must also be received. Knowledge is received through hearing (hearing of faith), and understanding of the knowledge is received through study (continual hearing, reading, and writing).
* Ignorance & Understanding are opposite of one another, just as the Flesh and the Spirit are opposite of one another
  + **Galatians 5:17** - For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: **so that ye cannot do the things that ye would**.
  + **Matthew 13:23** - But he that **received seed into the good ground** is he that heareth the word, **and understandeth it**; which **also beareth fruit**, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.
  + The **flesh lusts against the spirit** to **(1)** keep your mind ignorant about Christ (the truth) and **(2)** keep your mind from understanding Christ, which ultimately keeps you from being fruitful (*“the things that ye would”* = be fruitful)
  + The **Spirit lusts against the flesh** to do just the opposite: **(1)** lead and guide you into all truth (John 16:13) and **(2)** bring you to understanding of the truth (Ephesians 3:14-19)
    - **John 16:13-14** – Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.
      * ***“he shall receive of mine”*** = my knowledge (Christ)
      * ***“shall shew it unto you”*** = reveal Christ (and what he has done) to you = “knowledge of the Holy One is understanding” (Prov. 9:10)
    - **Ephesians 3:14-19** – For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be **strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man**; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; **that ye**, being rooted and grounded in love, **may be able to comprehend** with all saints what is **the breadth, and length, and depth, and height**; and **to know the love of Christ**, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.
      * ***“the inner man”*** = the inner mind = the mind/soul that is in Christ
      * ***“comprehend”*** = to understand
      * ***“the breadth, and length, and depth, and height”*** – what are these words descriptors of?
      * ***“to know the love of Christ”*** = what is the love of Christ?
      * ***“which passeth knowledge”*** = surpasses knowledge …what comes after (surpasses) knowledge?

**How Does Knowledge Lead To Understanding?**



* **Colossians 2:6-7** - And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, **you must continue** to follow him. **Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him**. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.
  + **2 Peter 3:18** - But **grow in grace**, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.
  + What two things do most plants need to grow?
  + Christ in us is the Tree of Life. So we need to see ourselves also as trees of life. We need light & water to grow up into Christ
  + **1 Corinthians 3:6** - I have **planted**, Apollos **watered**; but God gave the **increase**.
    - ***“Planted”*** = the seed = Christ (gospel of Christ) = **wisdom**
      * Who plants the seed?
      * **Mark 4:14** - **The sower** soweth the word.
      * **2 Corinthians 9:10** - Now **he that ministereth seed to the sower** both minister bread for your food, and multiply your seed sown, and increase the fruits of your righteousness;
      * **1 Corinthians 4:15** - For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye **not many fathers**: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.
        + A “father” is a sower! …how do we know this?
        + “I have begotten you” (Paul was a **Father**)
    - ***“Watered”*** = watered the seed with the Gospel of Christ = **knowledge**
      * Apollos was an “instructor” (teacher)
      * Instructors are spiritual **Sons**, who water the seed sown by the Father (they repeat what the Father said)
    - ***“Increase”*** = growth/multiplication = **understanding**
      * Having been watered with the word, the Holy Spirit multiplies the seed sown
* **Ephesians 4:11-15** - And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, **and of the knowledge of the Son of God**, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: **that we henceforth be no more children**, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:
  + ***“apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers”*** – **Jeremiah 3:15** - and I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which **shall feed you with knowledge and understanding**.
    - “feed you with knowledge and understanding” of who?
    - This is the opposite of Ephesians 4:14 – “every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness”
  + ***“that we be no more children”*** – **1 Corinthians 13:11** - When I was a child, I **spake** as a child, I **understood** as a child, I **thought** as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.
    - ***“I spake as a child”*** – we speak with our mouths, but where do our words come from? **(Luke 6:45)**
    - Where do we understand and think from?
    - So what does Paul mean when he says, “be no more children?”
      * **Ephesians 5:17** - Wherefore **be ye not unwise**, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.
      * **1 Corinthians 14:20** - Brethren, **be not children in understanding**: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.

**What Does It Mean to Preach Christ? (if the message isn’t taught by revelation (by the Holy Spirit), then you can’t get understanding)**

**Proverbs 9:10 “Knowledge of The Holy One is Understanding” – The Holy One = Christ**

* Preaching Christ – **(1)** Preaching the Truth, **(2)** Preaching the Son of God, **(3)** Preaching The Apostle Paul’s Ministry to the Gentiles
* **1 Corinthians 11:1** - Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

1. **Preaching Christ = Preaching the Truth**

* The entire Bible is true, but there is only ONE TRUTH
* What makes the Gospel of Christ “the truth?”
  + **Revealed** – (1) make (previously unknown or secret information) known to others (2) cause or allow (something) to be seen:
    - * **2 Corinthians 4:3-4** - But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, **lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ**, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.
      * **Colossians 2:9** - For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.
      * The revealed word reveals the person of Christ (who is the image of God, and the person in whom the godhead dwells) TO you AND IN YOU
        + **Luke 17:20-21** - And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, **the kingdom of God is within you**.
        + **Colossians 1:27** - to whom **God would make known** what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; **which is Christ in you**, the hope of glory:
      * The Gospel of Christ gives you the understanding of what God did & who you need to receive (The Gospel of Christ Is The Tree of Life #204 and #205)
  + **Galatians 1:11-12, 13-16** - But I certify you, brethren, that **the gospel which was preached of me is not after man**. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it , **but by the revelation of Jesus Christ**. --- For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: and profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers. But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, **to reveal his Son in me**, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood:
  + **Romans 1:16-17** - For I am not ashamed of **the gospel of Christ**: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For **therein is the righteousness of God revealed** from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.
  + 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 - Howbeit we speak wisdom among **them that are perfect**: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of **the princes of this world, that come to nought**: but we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom , which God ordained before the world unto our glory: which none of the princes of this world knew: for **had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory**. But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, Neither have entered into the heart of man, The things **which God hath prepared for them** **that love him.** But God **hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit**: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.
    - “which God hath prepare for them”
      * **John 14:1-3** - Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 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.** And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.
        + Who is the place that was prepared for Israel (and us)?
        + **Acts 2:32-33, 36** - This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses. Therefore being by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. ---Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that **God hath made that same Jesus**, whom ye have crucified, both **Lord and Christ.**
      * **Revelation 1: 4-6** - John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. **Unto him that loved us**, and **washed us from our sins** in his own blood, and **hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father**; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

1. **Preaching Christ = Preaching The New Man (Spirit) – (Son of God v. Son of Man)**

* The visible man (Jesus) v. the invisible Spirit man (Christ)
* 2 Corinthians 5:16-17 - Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, **though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more.** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.
* Acts 2:36 – Jesus was made (birthed) Christ
  + **John 1:1-2, 14** - **In the beginning was the Word**, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. ---And the **Word was made flesh**, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.
  + **1 John 1:1-2** - That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the **Word of life**; (for **the life was manifested**, and we have seen it , and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)
* **1 Timothy 3: 16** - And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

1. **Preaching the Apostle Paul’s Ministry To The Gentiles**

* **Galatians 2:1-2 (NLT)** - Then fourteen years later I went back to Jerusalem again, this time with Barnabas; and Titus came along, too. I went there because God revealed to me that I should go. While I was there I met privately with those considered to be leaders of the church and shared with them the message I had been preaching to the Gentiles. I wanted to make sure that we were in agreement, for fear that all my efforts had been wasted and I was running the race for nothing.
* **Galatians 2:6-7 (NLT)** - And the leaders of the church had nothing to add to what I was preaching. (By the way, their reputation as great leaders made no difference to me, for God has no favorites.) Instead, they saw that God had given me the responsibility of preaching the gospel to the Gentiles, just as he had given Peter the responsibility of preaching to the Jews.
* **Galatians 2:8-9** (NLT) - For the same God who worked through Peter as the apostle to the Jews also worked through me as the apostle to the Gentiles. In fact, James, Peter, and John, who were known as pillars of the church, recognized the gift God had given me, and they accepted Barnabas and me as their co-workers. They encouraged us to keep preaching to the Gentiles, while they continued their work with the Jews.
  + **Matthew 10:5-7** - These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles**, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand.
  + **Acts 20:20-25** - and how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you , but have shewed you, and h**ave taught you** publickly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **repentance toward God**, and **faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ**. And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, **so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus**, **to testify the gospel of the grace of God.** And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, shall see my face no more.
    - Before beginning his ministry to the Gentiles, Paul taught the gospel of the kingdom to the Jews (and Greeks who were in the area) –**(1)** repentance (baptism – Acts 2:38) and **(2)** faith toward God (confession that Jesus was Christ/Messiah – Romans 10:9-10)
  + **Acts 26:12-19** - Whereupon as I went to Damascus with authority and commission from the chief priests, at midday, O king, I saw in the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them which journeyed with me. And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice speaking unto me, and saying in the Hebrew tongue, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for **I have appeared unto thee for this purpose**, to **make thee a minister** and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee; **delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom now I send thee**, to **open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance** among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me. Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient unto **the heavenly vision:** 
    - ***“make thee a minister”*** – 2 Corinthians 3:6 “able minister of the new testament”
    - **Apostle** = a “sent” one
  + **1 Corinthians 1:17-18** - For **Christ sent me not to baptize**, but to preach the gospel: not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of none effect. For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.
    - **Matthew 28:16-20** - Then **the eleven disciples** went away into Galilee, into a mountain **where Jesus** had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but some doubted. And **Jesus came and spake unto them**, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and **teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, **even unto the end of the world.** Amen.
    - **Matthew 10:22-23** - And ye shall be hated of all men **for my name's sake**: but he that **endureth to the end shall be saved.** But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.
  + **1 Corinthians 1:23-24** - but we preach **Christ crucified**, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness; but unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, **Christ the power of God**, and the wisdom of God.
  + **1 Corinthians 2:1-5** – And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. **For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.** And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: that your **faith should not stand in the wisdom of men**, **but in the power of God**.
    - 1 Corinthians 1:24 – Christ (crucified) = the power of God **AND** the wisdom of God

THE DOOR OF FAITH IS OPEN

•Acts 14:27 - And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.

THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

•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; by which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures: