

“ACCORDING TO MY GOSPEL”

INTRODUCTION

A. Galatians 1:11-12

The gospel is Christ’s. It did not come from men, but Him.

B. 1st Timothy 1:8-11

Yet the gospel of Christ was committed to the trust of Paul the apostle.

- C.** Thus, we observe in Paul’s writings several occurrences of the phrase “*according to my gospel*”, meaning that, although the gospel did not originate with him, he had come to own it, in a sense. It was his in that he was a believer and proclaimer of the message.

I. “JESUS CHRIST... WAS RAISED FROM THE DEAD”

A. 2nd Timothy 2:8

According to the gospel Paul preached, “*Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead*”.

B. Romans 1:1-4

Jesus is identified as the descendant of David by his fleshly lineage and He is identified as the Son of God by His resurrection from the dead.

C. 1st Corinthians 15:1-5

A fundamental tenet of the gospel is that Christ arose from the dead. The gospel will save us if we hold fast to what was preached.

D. 1st Peter 1:3-5

Christ’s resurrection gives birth to our hope. If God could bring Him back from death, He will do so for the faithful, as well.

II. “GOD WILL JUDGE THE SECRETS OF MEN”

A. Romans 2:16

The gospel Paul preached maintains that God will judge men's secrets by Jesus Christ.

B. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14

There are no such things as secrets where God is concerned. He already knows and He will judge.

C. 2nd Corinthians 5:10

Christ is the one who will do the judging.

D. Acts 17:30-31

The fact of Jesus' resurrection assures us he will judge us, as well.

III. "ABLE TO ESTABLISH"

A. Romans 16:25-27

The gospel preached by Paul has establishing power.

B. Colossians 2:6-7

We ought to be rooted, built up, and established in the faith.

C. Colossians 1:21-23

Our reconciliation with God is dependent on our grounding and steadfastness in hope.

D. Proverbs 24:21-22; Matthew 7:24-27; 2nd Peter 3:17-18

Those given to change will meet with sudden destruction. We must be established in the firm foundation that is Jesus.

E. Jude 24-25

God will keep us from stumbling. Look to Him for guidance.