

The Gospel about Jesus

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I strive to agree with Jesus Christ in all things, because He loved me and suffered the punishment of my sins. It is possible that I have been mistaken in some matters. However I trust that He will correct me, if I have misunderstood something. I love His reprimand and His comfort because without them I cannot remain in truth. Thus, if there is something wrong in these writings it is the fault of Erkki Kuisma. Jesus deserves the credit for everything that is right.

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The power of God's Gospel

You say you received the gospel of God but is your life compatible with it? A person who is in conflict with himself cannot be in harmony with God.

God's gospel

God became man in Jesus Christ and so created a new man. He is the new Adam. You can be born into this new family! This is tidings of joy to you who want a fundamental change in your life. This is a message of hope to you who know yourself to be evil and sinful.

On the cross the guiltless Jesus faced the judgment that is caused by our sins. Because of His sufferings you can get forgiveness. In Him you gain reconciliation with God and new thoughts. God gave His Only Son to be the sacrifice for you. Can you receive this love? Do you want Jesus Christ to own you because God loved you so much? If you did, He took you to be His own. You got forgiveness and a new heart.

When you receive the gospel you turn to Jesus who died for you. He rose from the dead and now He lives on the throne of God. If you believe in the resurrection, you turn to Him and let Him become the Lord of your life. In His company your thoughts and attitudes change good.

It is natural that your words and deeds change to be in accordance with the gospel, if the gospel of God lives in you. If your thoughts don't remain in the gospel you also don't continue in the faith. Therefore enter carefully into the thoughts produced by the gospel.

If you received the gospel only as a ticket to heaven, you are not concerned with your mind changing into its liking. Then it might be so that you are revealed to be a wolf in sheep's clothing. The Bible compares the purity and righteousness of a believer to white clothing. The parable can mislead your thoughts. Do not think that you could hide your evilness behind the white clothing of a sheep. Jesus doesn't clothe us in a disguise, but He purifies our heart so that the radiation of its purity becomes the clothing of our spirit.

Your thought that is incompatible with the gospel is a spot in your clothing of righteousness. Jesus wants to purify His own before He comes. *"Christ loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish."* Eph.5:25-27

Thoughts of the gospel

There is war or peace between God and man. Rebellious thoughts against God grow in the hearts of men. First there is only a little murmur then a greater revolt and in some hearts a hot hate. Men are enemies of God in their wicked works.

Reconciliation and peace with God is the essence of the gospel. Therefore the thoughts of hate and love are always connected to the gospel. Whatever you hate or love it always has some effect on your ability to have a share in the gospel. Remaining in the thoughts of the gospel is remaining in Jesus.

"And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight - if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard." Col.1:21-23

Let's not be moved away from the thoughts of the gospel! Because I have been saved from the judgment of God through the death of Jesus, thoughts of sentence against other people are moved away from my mind. Think about this! Jesus Christ died for all people. Therefore the gospel living in me doesn't allow me to despise or condemn anybody.

Of course it is right to be angry at an evildoer, but I am not allowed to wish any punishment to him. We should remember to think about every person: "Jesus died also for him." This is the most important thing where you should guard your thoughts, because the essence content of the gospel wishes God's mercy and peace to everybody. Jesus says: *"For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their*

trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."

Mt.6:14-15

In this way Jesus testifies to us that our thoughts, incompatible with the gospel, can take away the salvation we already had. The forgiveness God gave you, is the most essential thought of the gospel which you cannot keep in your heart, if you are unforgiving even to one person.

If hostile thoughts are very dangerous crime against the gospel, how much greater crime it is in your thoughts to accept the killing of a human being. *"You know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him."* 1Jo.3:15

If you are not a pacifist, you are not a Christian. When a wolf in sheep's clothing heard this he snorted: "How sheepish talking!" However, it is just the mind of the Lamb of God that is offered to us in the gospel. He didn't resist an evil person, but he overcame evil with good.

Those who have made Christianity wage war for their fatherland have not got the idea from the gospel. Killing people for the freedom of your country is not fruit of the gospel of God. Jesus says: *"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles?"* Mt.7:15-16

As fruit of the gospel you are able to entrust God to defend you; you rather let yourself to be wronged than carry on lawsuits and you rather let yourself to be killed than kill others.

The second essential thought of the gospel tells about the Covenant with God. Through the death and the resurrection of Jesus Christ we can become property of God. All the creatures belong to God, but it is different to be His own by the sacrifice of Golgotha. God has invited us to live in this thought of the gospel: "I belong to Jesus Christ."

"Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your

own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body." 1Co.6:19-20

A Christian thinks all the time what Jesus wants me to do, because I belong to Him. If you don't live in these thoughts, it wakes up the question; do you belong to Him at all?

Hostile or despising or selfish thoughts come occasionally to every mind, but we can drive them away by the power of the gospel. If you consistently fight in the Spirit of Jesus against evil thoughts, you will experience the change in your inward world. The presence of God makes you feel good and it cannot be without an effect in your words and deeds.

The power of the gospel or willpower

Many believers don't guard their thoughts, because they think they can continue in the faith with their willpower. They also think it was only making the decision of their will when they came to the faith and not opening their heart to the gospel of God. The decision of will has a meaning only if the wanting is produced by the gospel. Therefore your will remains only if the gospel remains in you. It is the most essential thing that God has acknowledged you after you believed the gospel. *"So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us."* Ac.15:8

A great deed of God happens when someone comes to the faith. When you believed the gospel you were born of God and you became a member of the Church of God. *"God has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love."* Col.1:13 *"Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God."* Eph.2:19

Many churches ask you to become their member so that you in that way would be joined to the Church of God. If you have this motive when you join to them, you oppose the gospel of God, because the gospel already made you a member of the Church of God. You can join them if you regard them only as human organizations which serve God's Church. However if the leaders of an organization consider their organization the Church of God, you will face there things opposing the gospel and therefore your soul is in danger.

Why is a human organization exalted to the position of God's Church? This is the reason. Believers have been moved away from the gospel of God. If the hearts of believers don't live in the gospel, they don't see the reality of the Church of God. They have replaced the lost gospel with a heavenly position of a human organization.

When a believer has much and long enough wronged against the gospel of God he will become a backslider. If an assembling congregation does crimes against the gospel it loses its power among them. Paul resisted strictly all deeds which were against the gospel, because he understood the great strategic meaning of the gospel for the salvation of people.

"False brethren secretly brought in who came in by stealth to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage, to whom we did not yield submission even for an hour, that the truth of the gospel might continue with you." Ga.2:4-5

In the previous case believers were enslaved with Jewishness by saying you must become a Jew so that you would be a member of God's nation. Nowadays believers are enslaved by saying you must become a member of a Christian denomination so that you would be a member of the Church of God. The gospel gave you your liberty in Christ Jesus, by making you a member of the Church of Jesus when you came to the faith. Stick to your freedom and do not submit yourself to the slavery of a religion.

If you allow gospel resisting thoughts to dwell in your heart your faith will die and is changed into an only outward confession. The corruption of the range of thoughts is able to change also your will. Nobody can guarantee the constancy of his will. We have to use our will to abandon evil thoughts as long as the gospel of God is still motivating us to do it. *"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes."* Ro.1:16

May the power be with you! Do not stagger moved away from the thoughts of the gospel, and your heart will be like a well looked-after garden where it only grows good plants of God.

Deeds of the gospel

Everyone understands that our thoughts steer our words and deeds. Well or badly thought is already half done. On the other hand we easily do some deeds influenced by other people without our own thoughts. That should not be so.

The gospel motivates a listener to become owned by Jesus Christ. Your response to God is the first deed of the gospel in you. Coming to the faith happens in the thoughts of your heart. If the gospel is not the motive of your coming to the faith, you are not a Christian. If your motive does for God, He gives His peace into your heart. You experience the salvation in the thoughts and the feelings of your spirit.

You can come to the faith without moving even your finger, *"for with the heart one believes unto righteousness."* Ro.10:10 A wolf in sheep's clothing doesn't want to be inspected beneath the surface. Therefore he doesn't ask what your motives are, but draws your attention to outward marks of Christianity.

The words of our mouth are our most important deeds. If your heart fell in love with Jesus, let your mouth speak out of the abundance of your heart. *"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."* Ro.10:9

The same target of love unites us. Love to Jesus of the Bible is our flag, around which we come together. Assembling in the name of Jesus Christ is a deed of the gospel. Paul fought against religiousness so "that the truth of the gospel might continue" with believers and in that way believers would stay in the fellowship by the power of the gospel.

Loving others who belong to Jesus is a deed of the gospel in us. If our heart lives in the thoughts of the gospel we have the fellowship of the Spirit with humanly unknown believers. Crimes against the gospel break the unity between Christians. Love to the same Christian organization normally remains when the bond created by the gospel has been lost.

Religiousness is full of deeds against the gospel which originate from proud and selfish thoughts. Therefore flee from all religiousness and be steadfast and remain in the gospel. Also little crimes against the gospel make you spiritually weak and they are spots and wrinkles in the clothing of righteousness. Jesus wants to wash His own pure. On the day of a temptation call on Him and He will give you strength to reject wrong thoughts. If you fell regret your gospel resisting thoughts and let Him purify your heart.

Obey the weak God

People like to obey strong persons. If someone has studied much, he is easily believed. If someone is dressed authoritatively, he is honored by many. After miracle makers it is run. However God is so great that He has been able to appear in weakness to us. Who could obey the crucified Christ!

"The weakness of God is stronger than men." 1Co.1:25 "For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you." 2Co.13:4

Do you want to be weak in Jesus Christ? Are you dressed in His humbleness? You neither try to make an impact on people with authoritative clothing, nor with your degree, nor with your self-confident being, nor by making miracles. You neither defend yourself nor fight for your rights. You bless your persecutors and do good to those who do evil to you.

Sometimes it is so terrible to look at people who so easily honor something that is worthless. They reject a treasure because they consider it so modest. In the wisdom of God the salvation looks weakness. He could appear in His glory and power and make everyone obey Him, but it would not change our heart. Only obeying the weak God can change you.

Become weak by agreeing completely with the thoughts of the gospel of God. Really, you will feel yourself weak, but you will also feel real life. Jesus says to us: *"My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness."* 2Co.12:9

You need grace neither from men nor from angels. In the grace of God you have enough joy, peace, strength and whatever your soul is longing for in this time and in eternity.

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Stick to the faith

"Know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham."

Ga.3:7

The right gospel

Paul, the apostle said about his ministry of an evangelist as follows:

"It pleased God to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him."

Ga.1:15-16

Thus God's gospel is "the gospel about Him". It is a message about the person, Jesus Christ. It is not good news so much about the forgiveness of sins and new life as about HIM! And in Him we have the forgiveness and eternal life. All is in Him! Your relationship to Him is your destiny.

But then persons came who said that *"unless you are circumcised you cannot be saved."* Ac.15:1 They proclaimed the gospel about the circumcision and not about Jesus. In this way they draw the curse over themselves, about which Paul says: *"But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed."* Ga.1:8

The salvation is only and exclusively in Jesus Christ. All additional demands are under the curse. *"He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."* 1Jo.5:12

I have come to the faith through the gospel, which says that Jesus died for my sins and He has been raised from dead because of my justification. I have the Son of God through the faith coming from this message.

In the Bible the word salvation usually means coming to the faith and sometimes the resurrection of the just. *"By grace you have been saved."* Eph.2:5 *"For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope."* Ro.8:24 In this writing I speak about the salvation that means coming to the faith.

Stick to the right gospel

So that the gospel would remain alive for us we must live according to it. Paul rebuked Peter and some others when he noticed *"that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel."* Ga.2:14

What was the crime of Peter that he had done against the truth of the gospel? He showed partiality. He considered Jewish believers better than other believers. This was a crime against the gospel because the gospel proclaims that God has loved all the people with the same love. The Bible tells us about the hypocrisy of Peter so that we would accept people to be Christians only because they have believed the gospel about Jesus.

Why was Peter unable to live according to the basic truth of the gospel? The Jewish religiousness had bewitched him and many believers of Galatia. *"O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified?"* Ga.3:1

The power of lie causes a bewitchment. A religious lie had blinded the hearts of true believers so that they didn't any more see the cross of Golgotha. Their spirit didn't realize clearly any more that God's love had revealed there, for our good.

This religious lie had an effect on Peter because it was a part of Judaism. That lie said that only those who are circumcised are real members of God's nation. Paul reminded Galatians of it that Abraham was not saved during the circumcision but at the moment when he believed. The circumcision didn't save Abraham. In the same way nobody of the Israeli has ever been saved therefore he has been circumcised or he has followed the other regulations of Moses. Also all the saints of the Old Covenant were saved through faith.

Everyone receives the blessing of God without any religious inheritance or holy sacraments. When laid foundation for our relationship with God it must be based only on the faith that we received when hearing the gospel.

If you are of faith you abandon religiousness

Before I came to the faith I was a religious man. Therefore I thought after I had come to the faith that also earlier time I have not been

totally a godless person. I had even prayed to God every night since the time I was a little boy. I had a temptation to believe that I would have been saved already at that time when I had not yet received God's love in the atoning work of Jesus.

I remember how the Holy Spirit taught me soon after I had come to the faith considering rubbish all my religious experiences that I had had before I came to the faith. If we regard our baptism or our pious life as a part of our salvation we are not of faith. Every believer is tested if he sticks to the faith or not.

Paul must be known that later instead of the circumcision the baptism will be used to make the gospel useless. Therefore he writes: *"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."* 1 Co.1:17

Paul didn't make disciples for Jesus by baptizing but by preaching the gospel. In his time he rebuked severely disseminators of this lie: "Unless you are circumcised you cannot be saved." Today the Holy Spirit rebukes those who disseminate the corresponding lie: "Unless you are baptized you cannot be saved." Taking a baptism must be a deed of faith and not seeking the assurance of the salvation. You receive the baptism because you are already saved and not for that purpose you would be saved.

Receiving the Holy Spirit is the same as receiving the salvation. Therefore Paul asks Galatians did they receive the Spirit by receiving the circumcision. *"This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?"* Ga.3:2

It is a wonderful moment when the message of the gospel touches our heart and we are listening to the speech of Jesus. When the speech of God goes into our inmost heart, then He creates our salvation, without our own deeds.

In the Acts of the apostles people received the salvation only by hearing in faith and the Holy Spirit only because of their faith. They were allowed to become partakers of the salvation only through hearing!

Now the world is full of those who say that the Spirit of God is received through the baptism. These kinds of baptists are followers of the lie. They deceive one who wants to be baptized, when they say that in your baptism you will be born again and receive the Holy Spirit and become a member of the Church of God. As bewitched by this lie many don't see the greatness of the work that Jesus did on the cross and don't hear the gospel in the Spirit of God and therefore cannot be saved.

A spirit of lie is received through faith in a lie. A lie about God is the power of the realm of the devil, which becomes perfect in the kingdom of Antichrist and the beast. Then those who have not stuck to the faith of the gospel will receive the mark of the beast. Receiving the mark will be a religious ceremony.

The Galatians were in danger to lose their salvation due to the religious lie. Therefore Paul asked them: *"Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?"* Ga.3:3 God expects that those who began in the Spirit continue in the Spirit. Not only the salvation is received through faith but a believer should also live by faith.

"Know that only those who are of faith are sons of Abraham." Ga.3:7 Thus only those are the spiritual descendants of Abraham who stick to the faith. They are the Israel of God. They don't regard any sacrament as a condition of the salvation. They stick to the faith alone and don't make sure their salvation with a circumcision, neither with a baptism, neither with any other holy ceremony. God blesses those who are of faith.

"And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel to Abraham beforehand, saying, 'In you all the nations shall be blessed.' So then those who are of faith are blessed with believing Abraham." Ga.3:8-9

He is justified by faith who reaches the peace with God by hearing the gospel. God justifies you; it means he declares you to be not guilty, when you hear the gospel about Jesus who atoned your sins. God promises to bless us if we stick to the faith that came from the gospel.

Receiving the Holy Spirit is the blessing that was promised to Abraham. *"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us for its written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree', that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."* Ga.3:13-14

If you have received the Holy Spirit you are saved from the eternal punishment. If you live in the Holy Spirit, you love Jesus because He suffered your punishment. If you have received Him you are saved by grace through faith.

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Conform yourself to the Gospel

We become Christians by the hearing of the gospel. Many things can make us slow to hear the gospel that is "the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes". If our gospel resisting attitudes go away from our mind, we are able to conform ourselves to the will of God.

Which gospel?

God became man in Jesus Christ. He is the Messiah, the Son of God. He suffered on the cross the punishment of our sins. God raised Him from the dead and gave Him all authority in heaven and on earth

The receiving of the gospel is easy on the intellectual level, because its message is so simple. The adopting of its content is not as easy, because it offends to our pride. However if someone humbles oneself and is reconciled to God, he is called to live in harmony with the gospel. If we don't comply with God's gospel in our daily life, it is taken away from us.

Jesus emphasizes the importance of our compliance with the words of God we heard by saying: *"Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him."*

Mark 4:25 Who observes the gospel he really has the gospel and therefore God speaks more to him. Who offends against the gospel actually has not the gospel, and therefore what he has of it, is taken away from him.

God has said He will take away the gospel from many in End Times, because they have so badly violated it. *"The days are coming, declares the Sovereign LORD, when I will send a famine through the land - not a famine of food or a thirst for water, but a famine of hearing the words of the LORD."* Amos 8:11 When God stops preaching the gospel nobody can be saved.

Have a share of the salvation

Being reconciled with God is the moment of our salvation. The Bible speaks about the salvation through faith. It also tells how we get the saving faith. *"Faith comes from hearing the message, and*

the message is heard through the word of Christ." Rom.10:17 Thus the salvation is the event that we experience at the moment when we believe the God's gospel that we heard. It is not any good news, but the message that tells who Jesus is and what He has done for us on Golgotha for about 2000 years ago.

We react to a message we hear with thoughts. What did you say in your heart, when you heard the message? It is a fateful moment! Did you change your thoughts and attitudes according to the message you heard?

Changing your mind conformable to God's gospel is a deed of your spirit, for which God gives you strength - if you yield before His message. Paul urges us to notice that in practice God works in us "by the hearing of faith". *"Does God give you His Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard?"* Gal.3:5

Through the ages people have doubted if it is enough for the salvation what they experienced when they heard in faith. They have thought that they must do something more through which they make it sure that they are saved. These checkings are crimes against the gospel.

Crimes against the gospel

Some Jews who had received Jesus as their Messiah, said to the Gentile believers who had become Jesus' own: *"Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved."* Acts 15:1

Paul opposed strictly the previous message, because hearing it threatened to take away the faith that the gospel had given. He said: *"We did not give in to them for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might remain with you."* Gal.2:5

Notice that the motive of a deed decides if it is a crime against the gospel or not. They did it because they believed that this deed would make it sure that they are saved. Paul circumcised Timothy, whose mother was a Jewess, but from a different motive. *"Paul wanted to take him along on the journey, so he circumcised him because of the Jews who lived in that area, for they all knew*

that his father was a Greek." Acts 16:3 Thus Paul didn't oppose the circumcision itself but he was against the attitude that considered it a matter of the salvation.

Only one deed done from a wrong motive is able to move a person out of God's grace. *"I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace."* Gal.5:2,4

Notice that instead of the circumcision there can be any deed, if it is done with that same attitude. Thus do not obey this kind of speaking: "Unless you have done that deed, according to the custom, you cannot be saved."

A very common sermon of the law is heard like this: "Unless you have been baptized, you cannot be saved." Many have taken a baptism with the same wrong attitude as Paul mentioned about the people who let themselves be circumcised. What a pity! Many had a share in Jesus when they received the gospel and they fell away from Him by taking a baptism. A baptism must be taken with the attitude that God approves.

Paul feared that religiousness makes the Galatian believers backsliders. *"You are observing special days and months and seasons and years! I fear for you, that somehow I have wasted my efforts on you."* Gal.4:10-11 Also nowadays many are observing the Christian feasts but not the gospel. They think that God accepts them as true Christians because they celebrate the Christian feasts. Woe to them! Through this they refuse to have a share in God's grace.

The real crime against the gospel is always first done in the thoughts of heart. Peter couldn't possibly receive the fact that Jesus died for all the people. He thought that Jesus atoned only the sins of the Jews. Therefore he fell into the deed for which Paul rebuked him. If you first thought wrong things you will certainly sooner or later also do wrong deeds. If the truth of the gospel doesn't live in the thoughts of your heart, your deeds cannot remain compatible with it.

The hearing of the gospel gives you the full peace and the assurance of your salvation. You do not need any other deeds than your thoughts to receive God's grace. One becomes a Christian by the hearing of Christ. You can do nothing to atone your sins, but when you have got the atonement from God, everything you do, do it because you already have got the atonement.

Conforming to the gospel opposing spirit

Although Peter himself didn't preach the gospel of the circumcision, yet he had a share in it, because he obeyed it in his daily life. He ate the Lord's Supper with the believers who preached this gospel opposing message. They didn't consider the uncircumcised believers true believers and therefore they didn't eat with them. Peter feared and honoured them so much that also he didn't eat any more with the gentile believers. When he excluded a part of the believers out from the same supper he did a crime against the gospel.

When Paul saw, "that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel", he opposed them to their face. Gal.2:14. It is shocking how easily, and by a little deed, a believer can fall away from the faith of the gospel. This is a very serious thing because only by remaining with the gospel one can remain with Jesus. Thus the losing of the gospel is the beginning of the apostasy.

"Now He has reconciled you by Christ physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish and free from accusation - if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel that you heard."

Col.1:22-23

The temptation to obey a wrong gospel comes from the man's tendency to boast about his religion. Jesus doesn't cause that in us. *"That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you."* Gal.5:8 The religious pride of our sinful nature is like yeast that easily works through the whole church. *"A little yeast works through the whole batch of dough."* Gal.5:9

Many Christian congregations require that the participants of the Lord's Supper are baptized. When doing this they are as Peter, who for the fear of the Jews didn't eat with the gentile believers. The Lord's Supper declares the share in Jesus that means the share in

the salvation. Bread and wine describe the content of the gospel one heard. Eating the message means internalizing it.

The only condition of the participation in the Lord's Supper is to have a share in Jesus by hearing the gospel. The Lord's Supper describes the wedding meal of God's Lamb that once will be once at God's place. If someone now is worthy of participating in that heavenly meal, he is now also worthy of participating in the Lord's Supper.

The disobedience to the teachings of Jesus is a different thing from the disobedience to the gospel. Don't mix them. God expects us to follow the teachings of Jesus as fruit of the gospel and not as a condition of the salvation. After you have believed the gospel you can feel secure. He accepts you as His own perfectly. Be not afraid of the authoritative brothers who want to bind you to the chains of religiousness.

Paul told what the reason for the gospel of the circumcision is: *"Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your flesh."* Gal.6:12-13 This boasting can be described with the often heard sentence: "Also he is one of us."

The same people who make the baptism a condition for participating in the Lord's Supper, demand the person who wants to be baptized also to become a member of their church. If somebody wants only to be baptized into the name of Jesus, they refuse to baptize him. In this way they give us an evidence of their gospel opposing "sourness".

They demand everybody in the Lord's Supper to be baptized so that they could boast about them. They wrong the gospel, although among them there are in other way good brothers as was Peter. God will oppose them to their face, whoever they are!

Conform yourself to the fact that Jesus died for everybody

The essential part of the content of the gospel is the fact that God gave Jesus as a sacrifice for all people. Through this sacrifice I

see all people have a same value. Showing favouritism is a crime against the gospel. When you think about any person, think that Jesus has died for him/her so that he/she would not perish but he/she had eternal life.

This has the effect in daily matters. If I despise a person in my thoughts I am not acting in line with the truth of the gospel. I am not better than him/her, because Jesus died for the both of us. If my thoughts differ from the truth of the gospel, it certainly will show in some way in my deeds. For example a believer is able to wage war for his father land only because he has lost the truth of the gospel which says that Jesus has died for everybody.

If I hope for a punishment to a person in my heart, I don't live according to the truth of the gospel. The punishment I deserve was once upon Jesus as was also the punishment of the person that I want to punish! Also I have wronged and therefore I am not worthy of judging others. Only Jesus is worthy of judging because He has never wronged and He has suffered the punishment for everybody. Who lives in the truth of the gospel never summons anybody before the court. He rather allows himself to be wronged than fights for his rights.

If I fear and honour a person so much that I worship him/her with the thoughts of my heart, I do not live in the truth of the gospel. Nobody is so good that God didn't need to give His sacrifice for him/her. If I think that someone is accepted by God for one's good deeds, one's descent or one's religion, I mock God's gospel.

Many Christians have done crimes against the gospel for instance in how they have taken a view of the Israeli. They have treated them like God would accept them without receiving Jesus as the Messiah. It is not love to the Jews, but love to the Jewishness which very soon will receive the Anti-Christ as the Messiah.

Conform yourself to the fact that Jesus destroyed death

The essential part of the content of the gospel is the fact that God raised Jesus from the dead and exalted Him on His throne. If God the Father has given Jesus all authority, who am I to keep to myself any power? So for the sake of the gospel I am not any more my own lord, but Jesus Christ is my Lord and my God!

If we think that God raised Jesus from the dead, then we also think that the Spirit of God is able to affect also in our life. Instead if we trust ourselves we do a crime against this fact of the gospel. If I think that I can be independent of Jesus in my daily tasks, then I don't think according to the gospel. If I want to live so that I only please myself, then I do not live according to the fact that my Redeemer has been exalted on the throne of God.

Paul declares that the hearts circumcised by the gospel serve God with the deeds caused by the Spirit of God, and not by those demanded by the letter of the Bible. *"For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh."* Phil.3:3

Conform yourself to the fact who Jesus is

God's gospel about Jesus proclaims that Jesus Christ is Lord! *"He is the true God and eternal life."* 1John 5:20 How do you act in line with this word of the gospel? If He is your Lord, you submit yourself to Him. His words are spirit and life to you. You really want to obey Him more than other lords. Democracy and majority decisions are against of the supreme power of Jesus.

If a believer votes in an election, he has violated the fact who Jesus is. If someone does a deed aiming to reach through it the acceptance of God, he has violated what Jesus once did on Golgotha.

We submit ourselves to the governing authorities in the same way as Jesus submitted Himself to Herod, to Pilate and to the Emperor of Rome. Although these earthly authorities are appointed by the devil, we say as Paul said, *"there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."* Rom.13:1 In practice he was speaking about the Caesar Nero. God fully sets limits to what the devil is allowed to do. Therefore we don't confess the devil having any real authority.

Thus the politicizing believers don't act in line with the truth of the gospel that Jesus has all authority. We will not reign together with Jesus until He comes here. Now we are to follow the Lamb of God and not trying to govern godless people.

Thoughts and deeds compatible with the gospel

Thinking it right is already half doing it right. We can try to hide our real motives from other people, but God knows all our thoughts. Condemning our own wrong thoughts is the conversion that God is expecting from all people. Don't worry, He will certainly notice, if your thoughts are changing!

God observes the thoughts of all the people. You need not speak to Him so that He would hear you. Whatever you say in the thoughts of your heart it is recorded at God's. According to these documents we are judged one day.

Think about this, God sacrificed His only Son for you! What did you think about this word? It has already been recorded into a heavenly file.

The thoughts compatible with the gospel cause unavoidably deeds compatible with the gospel. Thoughts can be read from deeds, although they cannot be read from words. Many confess their faith to Jesus with their mouth, but they deny Him with their deeds. I am confident of better things in your case. Therefore check your attitudes, if they are compatible with the gospel? If you want to be changed, continuously listen to Jesus. Be not discouraged by how you see yourself.

If you don't turn away from hearing Jesus, nothing can take the salvation from you, not your own evilness, not the devil, not the world nor people. If you give up hearing Jesus, you certainly will perish, no matter how strong your faith is or how authoritative the preachers are who comfort you.

I am reconciled to God only and purely through the sacrifice of Jesus. Before God I have no other merits that I could plead. If I have lived according to the teachings of Jesus, I have only done what I have to do. Thus when I have conformed myself to the teachings of Jesus I have done nothing special or praiseworthy, but I am an unworthy servant. I am satisfied with God's grace in Jesus. I have got peace with God by hearing the sermon of Jesus. Let people say about me whatever they want but what really matters is what Jesus says. So let's hear His voice!

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You say you received the gospel of God but is your life compatible with it? A person who is in conflict with himself cannot be in harmony with God.

We become Christians by the hearing of the gospel. Many things can make us slow to hear the gospel that is "the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes". If our gospel resisting attitudes go away from our mind, we are able to conform ourselves to the will of God.