

Hearing and Responding to the Gospel Part1

Galatians 1:6-7 (ESV)

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel-- ⁷not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

Galatians 1:8-9 (ESV)

⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. 9 As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed.

What is the εὐαγγέλιον (gospel)?



The gospel is the 'good news' of God's power to save.



Romans 1:16-17 (ESV)

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. 17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

The gospel's power in the believer is experienced in three ways.

1. Past: You have been saved from the penalty of sin.



Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV)

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.



1. Past: You have been saved from the penalty of sin.

2. Present: *You are being* saved from the power of sin.



1 Corinthians 15:1-2 (ESV)

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ² and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.



1 Corinthians 15:3-5 (ESV)

³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, 4 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, 5 and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.

- 1. Past: You have been saved from the penalty of sin.
- 2. Present: *You are being* saved from the power of sin.
- 3. Future: *You will be* saved from the presence of sin.

1 Peter 1:3-5 (ESV)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Implications & Applications

