

The Flaw in Presenting the Gospel of Salvation

Although salvation was a message preached by the first believers in the Ancient Near East, the Gospel of Salvation that has been preached to the “lost” for centuries up to now has a glaring flaw in its presentation. The core fundamental of salvation through the sacrificial work of the Messiah is genuine and solid, but the failing is in the message that’s delivered. It contains an appeal which is something like this: “Come to Jesus and have your sins forgiven so you can go to Heaven”. If the message presented isn’t the same as this, that’s the message that the hearers filter out in their mind and which they ascent to.

Many followers of Jesus have stated recently that they were invited to accept Jesus as their saviour and he’d fix all their problems. They’ve reflected on this and confessed that they’ve had more problems since their rebirth than before. Why is this?

When we come back into Father’s family by adoption (spiritual re-birth) we come out of the kingdom of this world and also the kingdom of darkness. This annoys our enemy who’s in charge of both of these kingdoms and he looks for a multitude of ways to annoy us in pay-back so we give up and return to him. This is perceived as ‘all hell breaking loose’ and many are caught off guard and ‘fall’ because of it.

When we are “born from above”¹ we actually re-enter the Kingdom of Heaven (Kingdom of God) as an adopted son, but we also enter military service in the army of The Great King. If we aren’t informed of this militia role we aren’t prepared for the warfare. This is why many give up their faith over time. For instance: A survey for the 50th anniversary of the Billy Graham crusades in Australia found that only around 20% of converts remained church-goers up to 2009 or until they died² – only 20%!

Jesus told his listeners that there was a cost involved in following him.³ This cost involved leaving everything behind, including family, and the surrender of the person’s life. He gave the military example of a king making a decision as to whether he should go to war or sue for peace. This is a hint of what life as a follower of Jesus is like.

But there’s more that’s not obvious if pulpit teaching is your training tool. Check out Jesus’ latter life for yourself, or Paul’s list of troubles⁴ as a believer.

When we present the Gospel of the Kingdom to people we must give them the whole picture, just as Jesus did. Not doing this is actually misrepresentation – a form of deception. When they do decide to be reborn, it’s essential that they know that they must be prepared to be persecuted and even martyred. New converts must be discipled and mentored, trained to be reliant on Father and to be trained by him, not sponging off fellow believers for survival. They must know that they will go on a journey of molding and shaping through many processes for the purpose of changing their heart and mind. They will be broken and humbled so that our King can rule through them. And...a whole lot more. He may even take all their financial reserves off them and request that they totally rely on a hand-to-mouth lifestyle.

Listen to Jennifer LeClaire talk about a problem area that genuine believers have to face and endure:

VIDEO: “Prophetic Warning Judas Spirit Rising Rapidly in This Season” (Jennifer LeClaire)

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1 – This is what Jesus is recorded as saying to Nicodemus. Not “born again” as most English translations have it. (John 3:3)

2 – I can’t remember the reference for this. Search the Internet for yourself. (VIDEO: “Remembering ‘59: Billy Graham’s Legacy - 50 Years on”)

3 – Luke 14:26-33

4 – 2 Corinthians 11:23-28