

*Christian Essential Series:*

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## **Christian Essential Series: Who Invented Christianity – Paul or Jesus?**

### **Introduction:**

Did Paul and Jesus teach something different, or the same thing? The Apostle Paul said, "If anyone advocates a different doctrine, and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing" (1 Timothy 6:3-4).

Many are declaring Paul's doctrine as being a different gospel than Peter, James and John. To have such a view in my estimation is to have a poor understanding of the book of Galatians. Peter, James and John joined Paul in declaring the gospel by giving the right hand of fellowship (a statement that acknowledged their agreement and purpose (Gal. 2:9)).

Even Titus was not compelled to be circumcised (a public agreement of the gospel of grace). Paul plainly stated there was only one true gospel (Gal. 1:7). But you decide, were Paul and Jesus teaching something different? I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace (Acts 20:32).

### **THE GOSPEL:**

**(Jesus)** Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.

**(MK. 1:14-15, KJV)**

**(Jesus)** But he said to them, "I must preach the Good News about the Kingdom of God in other towns also, because that is what God sent me to do." **(LK. 4:43, TEV)**

**(Paul)** I have gone from place to place, preaching to you about God's kingdom, but now I know that none of you will ever see me again. **(Acts 20:25, CEV)**

**(Paul)** And Paul dwelt two whole years in his own hired house, and received all that came in unto him, Preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching those things which concern the Lord Jesus Christ, with all confidence, no man forbidding him. **(Acts 28:30-31, KJV)**

**(Warning)** So what makes us think we can escape if we ignore this great salvation that was first announced by the Lord Jesus himself and then delivered to us by those who heard him speak? **(Heb. 2:3, NLT)**

**REPENTANCE:**

**(Jesus)** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. **(LK. 24:47, KJV)**

**(Paul)** First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. **(Acts 26:20, NIV)**

### **BELIEVE:**

**(Jesus)** For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. **(JN. 3:16, KJV)**

**(Paul)** And they answered, Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ [give yourself up to Him, take yourself out of your own keeping and entrust

yourself into His keeping] and you will be saved, [and this applies both to] you and your household as well. **(Acts 16:31, AMP)**

### **CALLING ON THE NAME OF THE LORD:**

**(Jesus)** "The tax collector, standing at a distance, would not even look up to heaven. But he beat on his chest because he was so sad. He said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you, when this man went home, he was right with God, but the Pharisee was not. **(LK. 18:13-14, NCV)**

**(Paul)** For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. **(Rom. 10:13, KJV)**

### **WATER BAPTISM:**

**(Jesus)** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. **(Matt. 28:19, KJV)**

**(Paul)** When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **(Acts 19:5, KJV)**

#### **SPIRIT BAPTISM:**

**(Jesus)** Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost. **(Acts 11:16, KJV)**

**(Paul)** And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. **(Acts 19:6, KJV)**

## **GRACE:**

**(Jesus)** For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. **(JN. 1:17, KJV)**

**(Paul)** For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. **(Titus 2:11-14, KJV)**

## **REDEMPTION:**

**(Jesus)** I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. **(JN 10:11, KJV)**

**(Jesus)** For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. **(Matt. 26:28, KJV)**

**(Paul)** For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures. **(1 Cor. 15:3, KJV)**

**(Paul)** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. **(Rom. 3:24, KJV)**

### **FUTURE JUDGEMENT:**

**(Jesus)** When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then

shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal. **(Matt. 25:31-34, 41, 46, KJV)**

**(Paul)** After some days Felix came with his wife, Drusilla, who was Jewish, and asked for Paul to be brought to him. He listened to Paul talk about believing in Christ Jesus. But Felix became afraid when Paul spoke about living

right, self-control, and the time when God will judge the world. He said, "Go away now. When I have more time, I will call for you." **(Acts 24:24-25, NCV)**

### **THE RESURRECTION:**

**(Jesus)** Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. **(JN 5:28-29, KJV)**

**(Paul)** And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust. **(Acts 24:15, KJV)**

### **JUSTIFICATION:**

**(Jesus)** And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: **(LK 18:13-14, KJV)**

**(Paul)** Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. **(Rom. 3:24, KJV)**

### **SANCTIFICATION:**

**(Jesus)** She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more. **(JN 8:11, KJV)**

**(Paul)** Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. **(Rom. 6:18, KJV)**

## **YOU CAN'T SERVE TWO MASTERS:**

**(Jesus)** "No one can serve two masters. The person will hate one master and love the other, or will follow one master and refuse to follow the other. You cannot serve both God and worldly riches." **(Matt. 6:24, NCV)**

**(Paul)** Everyone is talking about how you welcomed us and how you turned away from idols to serve the true and living God. **(1 Thess. 1:9-10, CEV)**

## **LORDSHIP:**

**(Jesus)** And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? **(LK 6:46, KJV)**

**(Paul)** For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. **(2 Cor. 4:5, NIV)**

## **THE NEW BIRTH:**

**(Jesus)** Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

**(JN 3:3, KJV)**

**(Paul)** He saved us. It was not because of any good deeds that we ourselves had done, but because of his own mercy that he saved us, through the Holy Spirit, who gives us new birth and new life by washing us. **(Titus 3:5, TEV)**

## **DISCIPLESHIP:**

**(Jesus)** Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**(Matt. 28:19, RSV)**

**(Paul)** And he left for Tarsus to look for Saul; and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came about that for an entire year they met with the church, and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch. **(Acts 11:25-26, NASV)**

#### **WORKS OF FAITH:**

**(Jesus)** Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. **(Matt. 7:21, KJV)**

**(Paul)** To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life. **(Rom. 2:7, NIV)**

#### **GIVING TO THE POOR:**

**(Jesus)** Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. **(Matt. 19:21, KJV)**

**(Paul)** And I was a constant example to you in helping the poor; for I remembered the words of the Lord Jesus, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' **(Acts 20:35, LB)**

### **HEALING & LAYING ON OF HANDS:**

**(Jesus)** And these signs shall follow them that believe... **[18]** they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. **(MK 16:17-18, KJV)**

**(Paul)** His father was in bed, sick with fever and stomach trouble, and Paul went to visit him. Paul healed the man by praying and placing his hands on him. **(Acts 28:8, CEV)**

## **DELIVERANCE:**

**(Jesus)** And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils.

**(MK 16:17, KJV)**

**(Paul)** She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her. **(Acts 16:18, NIV)**

## **LOVING GOD & OTHERS:**

**(Jesus)** Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. **(Matt. 22:37-39, KJV)**

**(Paul)** Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God's law. For the commandments say, "You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet." These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God's law. **(Rom. 13:8-10, NLT)**

## **SECURITY:**

**(Jesus)** And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. **(JN 10:28, KJV)**

**(Paul)** For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
**(Rom. 8:38-39, (KJV))**

### **PERSEVERANCE:**

**(Jesus)** But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. **(Matt. 24:13, KJV)**

**(Paul)** But now God has made you his friends again. He did this through Christ's death in the body so that he might bring you into God's presence as people who are holy, with no wrong, and with nothing of which God can judge you guilty. This will happen if you continue strong and sure in your faith. You must not be moved away from the hope

brought to you by the Good News that you heard. **(Col. 1:22-23, NCV)**

### **GOOD WORKS:**

**(Jesus)** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. **(Matt. 5:16, KJV)**

**(Paul)** For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them. **(Eph. 2:10, KJV)**

### **APOSTATES:**

**(Jesus)** For many others, the overwhelming spread of evil will do them in — nothing left of their love but a mound of ashes. "Staying with it — that's what God requires. Stay with it to

the end. You won't be sorry, and you'll be saved. **(Matt. 24:12-13, TM)**

**(Paul)** Let no one in any way deceive you, for it will not come unless the apostasy comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction. **(2 Thess. 2:3. NASV)**

**(Paul)** Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. **(1 Tim. 4:1, NLT)**

### **PAULS OWN WORDS ON WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS MESSAGE:**

My friends, I want you to know that no one made up the message I preach. It wasn't given or taught to me by some mere human. My

message came directly from Jesus Christ when he appeared to me. **(Gal. 1:11-12, CEV)**

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### **How to receive Christ:**

Receiving Christ is as easy as A-B-C.

#### **A – Admit your sins**

You must first repent of your sins. This means turning away from them and asking God to forgive you. Acts 3:19 says “Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.”

#### **B – Believe and confess**

What does it mean to believe? It means to trust your life to Jesus. If you jump out of a falling airplane with a parachute, you don't just

know or hope the parachute will save you. You believe it! You trust your life to the parachute. Similarly, believing in Jesus means trusting your eternal life to him. Acts 16:31 says "They said, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.'" Paul affirms this in Romans 10:9-10 "That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation."

In verse 13 it says "For whoever will call on the name of the Lord will be saved."

### **C – Call on Jesus as your savior**

Through prayer, invite Jesus to come in and change your life through the Holy Spirit. Invite him to save you. "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God

through our Lord Jesus Christ.” – Romans 5:1 (NASB) Remember “he who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life. These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.” – 1 John 5:12-13 (NASB)

### **What Now: Find a Family not just a Church**

If you accepted Christ as your savior, the next step is to find a local, Bible-preaching Church in your area. A place where you belong! The author of Hebrews writes “and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” – Hebrews 10:24-25 (NASB)



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