

The OFFENSE of the Gospel

Plan on getting offended! The Holy Spirit is so beautiful, sacred, pure, and comforting, but He must also convict us, and lead us down paths of righteousness.

One person said about a “TRUTH post” on social media; aren’t you afraid you might offend someone? I answered, aren’t you concerned that you might offend GOD?

Offended = Put out, hurt feelings, resentful, annoyed, insulted

We believe the Bible is true. Inspired, Infallible. Unique, one of a kind.

If that is the case, you can disagree with scripture all you want...

and YOU ARE WRONG! (you both cant be true)

men have **man made** values, policies, laws, beliefs, world views, ethics, morality.

If WE are the center of the universe, then OUR ideas set the standard.

If WE created all things, then OUR boundaries must be followed by others.

If WE “feel” and “think” and conclude truth on any given subject, we will eventually evolve into perfect enlightenment.

Group thinking based on popular opinion and trends, will dictate moral laws.

GOD has spoken!

HIS words are LIFE. HIS words are eternal. HIS WORD is law.

HIS word brings peace. HIS word is, has been and will be FULFILLED.

HIS word will not return void. HIS word separates and divides truth from error.

HIS word is forever settled.

The prophets proclaimed his word (Old Test) and were hated, even killed.

Some were sawed in two, boiled in oil, thrown to the lions, burned in a furnace,

John the Baptist preached and was beheaded

Jesus spoke and demons came out, dead was raised, sick were healed, and they crucified him.

The disciples were martyred for speaking truth.

Crucified upside down, stoned to death, torn to pieces, burned at the stake.

If it were a made up lie, why would they die to defend it?

ROM 3:4 - Let God be true and every man a liar.

John 8:43,44 - ⁴³ Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. ⁴⁴ You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character (native tongue), for he is a liar and the father of lies.

1 cor 1:18 – the preaching of the cross is foolishness...to some

Acts 4:1-37 (vs 12) ¹² Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

This is EXCLUSIVE, not all inclusive. We can not have it our way. It is HIS way only.

2 cor 2:15,16 - ¹⁵ For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. ¹⁶ To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life.

John 14:6 – exclusionary , bigot, hate speech,

⁶ Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Good news / bad news?

Bad = Rom 3:10-12, 23, - ALL HAVE SINNED!

THIS IS BAD NEWS...

Rom 6:23 – wages that we have earned, we deserve

I can look forward to death and / or eternal separation from God.

Darkness, fear, torment, anxiety, pain

So lets try to preach a NICE Gospel... a LOVE Gospel without truth...

Make it easy to come to church... SLIDES 8b and 8c

GOOD News!

Rom 10:9 – if we confess and believe...

Isa 1:18 – come let us reason...

I can look forward to life and eternity with God.

Peace, light, joy, contentment, security, healing

This requires complete surrender, trust and abandonment of our way

So to some...this is bad news.

(To protect **Our insecurity**, we must defend our position)

Our response requires change.

1. admitting that we are NOT in charge
2. We are NOT the final authority
3. We must admit we are wrong. (about everything)