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“It is written” – Pt 3 Teach, preach and believe the gospel as it is written

This is our third study on the phrase “it is written”. In our previous study we established three points– (1) Satan tempted the Lord Jesus using the scriptures – “it is written”, (2) Jesus’ defence against temptation from Satan was scripture – “it is written”, and (3) Jesus reproved Satan’s children from God’s written words. In this study we establish three points –(1) Jesus’ authority when teaching was “it is written”, (2) the authority for Paul’s epistles was– “it is written”, and (3) the gospel of Christ whereby man must be saved is according to what is written in the scriptures.

Our three points established from the scriptures –

1. Jesus’ authority when teaching was “it is written”

“For this is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee” (Matt.11: 10).

Jesus’ actions were as it is written – Jn.12: 14.

2. The authority for Paul’s epistles was the scriptures

“For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith” (Rom.1: 17).

Paul makes a point in and backs them up with the scriptures (Rom.2:23, 34).

3. The gospel whereby man must be saved is according to what is written in the scriptures.

“For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures” (1 Cor.15:3 & 4)

Illustration

There are preachers that stand on the street without the scriptures in their hand and often share their experience, tell their audience that God loves them and Jesus died for their sin, with no mention of the resurrection or hell. But when the preacher holds up a copy of the scriptures and says “thus saith the Lord” or “the bible says”, or “it is written”...they generally preach the good news of Christ–crucified and their audience know the source of their gospel is as it is written in the scriptures.

Question to think about.

What is the similarity between every gospel message that cannot save a lost soul?

Answer from the scriptures

None include the words, according to the scriptures, or “as it is written” before, during, for at their conclusion.

Roman Catholics, Mormons and Jehovah Witness proclaim the gospel of the kingdom of heaven because Jesus preached that gospel – Matt.4: 17.

Jesus preached– “repent for the KOH is at hand” because the children of God – Israel were rebellious and were called to turn from their sins. The gospel that John the Baptist and Jesus preached was in fulfilment of the Old Testament– Mark 1:14–15, but was not as “it is written” in the scriptures, as is the gospel of Christ–crucified.

Let us remember that the authority for Jesus, and Paul’s doctrine is as it is written in the scriptures. So the gospel of Christ–crucified that we preach today is according to “it is written” in the scriptures and NOT in isolation to the Old Testament. Amen!