

*Jesus Christ revealed that his message was much more than a collection of spiritual principles. **JOH 6:63** It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: **the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.** Jesus explained that God's plan included a joint relationship, covering every aspect of our spiritual and natural lives. His main aim was to save us from the certainty of death by preserving our soul.*

***God has given us a gospel and power that works in every culture and every age...** humanity needs to change to God's ways, not the other way around. There are far too many people who want to change God's laws into something that doesn't work. **MAT 28:18** And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. **19** Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: **20 Teaching them to observe all things** (adopting God's priorities) whatsoever I have **commanded you** (commandments are just that... they are not options or suggestions): and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen. Many Christians try to fit God into their lives, while they choose their own priorities ahead of God's. However, God, offers much more.*

***God's New Testament promises and experiences are consistent. **HEB 13:8** Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.** The gospel today is no different from the day of Pentecost when the salvation plan was first experienced; in the exact manner Jesus had described... which Peter confirmed and explained. Nothing has changed today. Peoples needs are the same, thus the gospel and power is the same. Yes, we are asked to adapt to the nature of people, but we must maintain the integrity of God's word... it is not permitted to change. **MAT10:16** Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of **wolves** (predators): be ye therefore **wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.** Our testimony may be attacked, but God will honour our words. Thus, we maintain a humble and open manner as we share God's message... without compromise!*

***Towns where no miracles occurred. **MAT 10:11** And into whatsoever city or town ye shall enter, enquire who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go thence. **12** And when ye come into an house, salute it. **13** And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. **14** And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. **15** Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrhah in the day of judgment, than for that city.** Jesus didn't try and work out a plan to go back to the unbelievers and alter the doctrine. Likewise, we explain the need for people to conform to the gospel; not the reverse. **As an example:** consider any of the sciences where degrees and scholarship are taught. None are watering down the laws of gravity or chemistry, or physics to fit in with our 'modern' world. Laws are laws; that is the way it is. The reality of the sciences is simple; conform to the academic standard, or fail. Salvation and Christianity are no different. Prayer, reading, the gifts, witnessing, fellowship, etc., need to be exercised.*

We are commanded not to change the gospel, nor the purpose of the church. Nor to compensate for the lack of faith or unbelief of others... not even for the lack of church growth. **2TIM 4:3** For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; We are told to stand firm and speak what God has spoken. Trying to appease people will always end in disaster. We see it far too often, as we try to make allowances for people who won't make a conform to God's clear directions. It would be a very brave person who puts natural choices and needs ahead of God's laws, while death reigns. Paul told us to excel in the gifts/powers of the spirit... to make them our first choice, not to treat them as mere 'options'. **We can learn a great lesson from Moses...** the Egyptians misjudged the significance of the power of God despite ten separate plagues. Some of the Israelites further misjudged the same power by complaining after the parting of the Red Sea and the total destruction of the Egyptian army. Sadly, all except a few adults failed to take the promised land seriously. What sort of pressure leads to such foolish choices, despite the evidence? Thus, this godless world is struggling more and more...

It is becoming clearer that the two following principles represent the main trends in a rapidly failing world.

1, I will be tolerant and defend your right to have an opinion; only if it is the same as mine.

2, It is more important to be perceived to have done something (virtue signalling), than to have done it.

Pauls encouragement to the Christian church is the same for all ages... **1COR 15:57** But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. **58** Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye **stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work** of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. Humility and repentance are a universal requirement. These qualities remain consistent like the salvation and overcoming message. Eternal life is based on provable spiritual science (Mark 16); death is an observable, physical reality. The only useful pressure for change comes from God.