

The “All” of the Gospel

What the world needs most at this time is the gospel (good news) of Jesus Christ (Mark 16:15-16). Consider the four “all-s” of the Christian and the gospel.

WE MUST ALL SPEAK IT. Sharing the gospel with others is not limited to the preacher or a few Christians. All Christians must share the gospel with others because it is the work of all faithful Christians to do so (Acts 8:4).

WE MUST SPEAK ALL OF IT. Sharing the gospel with others means telling them the “whole counsel of God” (Acts 20:20,27). The world needs to hear “all” things that Jesus commanded (Matthew 28:19-20), “all” scripture inspired of God (2 Timothy 3:16), and “all” things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).

WE MUST SPEAK IT TO ALL. Sharing the gospel with others is always done without partiality or prejudice. Like Jesus, faithful Christians share the gospel with the lost, regardless of their color, economic status, educational background, etc. (Luke 19:10).

WE MUST SPEAK IT AT ALL TIMES. Sharing the gospel is done always; “in season and out of season” (2 Timothy 4:2). We speak the gospel all the time because time is running out for our lost friends and loved-ones (2 Thessalonians 1:8). - *Chris Reeves*

News and Notes

- September 21-24: Gospel meeting with Tim Haile, 7 pm weeknights, regular times on Sunday.
- A warm “welcome” to the Marria family who has placed membership with us. Let’s get to know them!
- A gospel meeting flyer is in your mailbox. Please use it to invite someone to our meeting. Let me know if you need more.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

In our previous article, we examined the meaning of a creed and some examples of classic creeds. In this article, we want to answer the question, "What is wrong with classic, denominational creeds?"

The answer to this question is simple, creeds are not authorized by the New Testament (Colossians 3:17). We are never given authority by Jesus to write a document separate from the New Testament that is an authoritative statement of a religious body or church.

Some think they have found creeds in the Bible. For example, the following passages are sometimes cited as examples of creeds: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 26:5-9; and Acts 8:37 ("Creed, Creeds" in *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, pages 283-284, G.W. Bromiley.).

The truth is, these passages are just statements from individuals, nothing more. Any statement in Scripture, is simply Scripture. It is not a stated belief about Scripture.

It is admitted by scholars that no formal creedal statements are found in the Bible; and yet, they use the Bible to justify their creeds!

What is wrong with creeds? Let's consider a few more things. First, creeds are written by men, not by God; hence, they

are fallible (open to error), imperfect, and un-inspired by God. Jesus rebuked the Jews for their man-made religious traditions (Matthew 15:1ff; Mark 7:1ff).

Second, creeds impeach the wisdom and word of God (2 Timothy 3:16-17). They are sometimes more than God's word and sometimes less than God's word. Think about it. If creeds are the same as God's word, why do we need them? They are unnecessary.

Third, creeds focus on the authority and standard of man's word, not on the authority and standard of God's word. They set aside God's word for man's word. Paul warns against human philosophy and tradition that takes the place of God's word (Colossians 2:8,18-19,20-23). Creeds are recognized by scholars as an "authoritative statement," as "standards" and "divisive" ("Creed, Creeds" in *The Zondervan Pictorial Encyclopedia of the Bible*, pages 1025-1026, A.H. Leitch).

Fourth, creeds teach things at times that are contrary to plain Scripture. Paul warns against those who would teach something contrary to the sound doctrine of God's word (Galatians 1:6-9; 1 Timothy 1:3-4; 4:1-4).

Fifth, creeds must be revised from year to year. The Nicene Creed, for example, written in A.D. 325, was revised, in part, in the 6th, 8th, and 11th centuries.

Sixth, creeds keep the religious world divided when Jesus prayed for unity (Jn.17:20). A

Baptist creed produces a Baptist, nothing else; a Methodist creed produces a Methodist, nothing else; a Catholic creed produces a Catholic, nothing else; and so on.

Seventh, creeds will not even be used as the standard of judgment in the last day. Jesus' word, not creeds, will be used in the judgment day (John 12:48; Revelation 20:11-15).

The standard of authority for New Testament Christians today is God's word contained in the New Testament scripture. Please read what the following said about God's word in the New Testament.

Read what God said (Matthew 17:5) and what Jesus said (Matthew 28:19-20; Jn.12:48; 14:6,26; 15:26-27; 16:12-15; 17:20. Read what Paul said (Romans 6:17; 16:25-26; 1 Corinthians 11:23; 14:37; 15:1-2; Galatians 1:6-9,23; 3:23; Ephesians 1:10; 2:19-20; 3:1-11; 4:5; Philippians 2:16; Colossians 2:2-3,7-10,18-19; 2 Thess. 2:15; 1 Tim.4:6; 5:8; 6:3-4,10,21; 2 Tim.1:13; 2:2; 3:14-17; 4:3-4; Tit.1:9,13). Read what others said (Heb.1:1-2; 2:3-4; 2 Pet.1:3-4; 2 Jn.9-11; 3 Jn.3-4; Jude 3; Rev.20:11-14).

New Testament Christians have no creed but Christ. All denominational creeds are wrong! Those who follow denominational creeds today need to do what the Ephesians did in Acts 19. Burn your creed books and come follow the New Testament alone. - *Chris Reeves*