

The Gospel of the Grace of God:

The term comes from Acts 20:24

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify **the gospel of the grace of God.** (Acts 20:24 KJV)

Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;<sup>2</sup> By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.<sup>3</sup> For **I delivered** unto you first of all that **which I also received**, how that Christ died [NEGATIVE] for our sins [NEGATIVE] according to the scriptures;<sup>4</sup> And that he was buried [NEGATIVE], and that he rose again [POSITIVE] the third day according to the scriptures: (1 Cor. 15:1-4 KJV)

...because **I live, ye shall live also.** (Jn. 14:19 KJV)

Mohammed cannot say that. The Koran doesn't say that about Jesus Christ.

He didn't die on the cross and He didn't rise from the dead.

The Everlasting Gospel is not the Gospel of the Grace of God!

If it is not, then the Angel that preached it is accursed.

But though we, **OR AN ANGEL** from heaven, preach **any other gospel** unto you than that which **we have preached unto you**, let him be accursed.<sup>9</sup> As we said before, so say I now again, If any *man* preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. (Gal. 1:8-9 KJV)

What did Paul preach?

Be it known unto you therefore, men *and* brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: <sup>39</sup> And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. (Acts 13:38-39 KJV)

**Look at the elements of his preaching:**

We will exposit the entirety of Acts 13.

**The elements:**

The Resurrection of Christ is proclaimed

The Gospel is clearly enunciated

Jesus is the center of the Gospel

You can have forgiveness of SINS!

Justification is by Faith ALONE.

There was no complete justification in the OT

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This strikes at the heart of Dispensationalism versus Non-Dispensationalism.

The Dispensation of the LAW

What was before the LAW (Exodus 20)?

(For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. (Rom. 5:13 KJV)

**The Dispensation of Innocence:**

Reformed: Covenant of Works

After the Fall: Covenant of Grace

The word: DISPENSATIONALISM is never used.

Key Term in Reformation Theology: COVENENTALISM

**The Dispensation of Conscience:**

Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, **their conscience** also bearing witness, and *their* thoughts the mean while **accusing** or **else excusing** one another;) (Rom. 2:15 KJV)

Can you be saved by your Conscience?

**No-** Abel brought the blood of a Lamb.  
Cain brought the fruit of his labor.

Every Dispensation ends in FAILURE

Conscience ends in failure- the flood of Noah.

Human Government is installed:

Whoso sheddeth man's blood, **by man** shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. (Gen. 9:6 KJV)

This Dispensation ends in the Tower of Babel.

It also ends with the confounding of languages, the dispersion of the nations, and God rejecting the nations as a whole.

The response:

God: calls out Abram to form a new nation of His own people

This is the Dispensation of Promise

Man's response: He tries to get together without God

How does the Dispensation of Promise end?

So Joseph died, *being* an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put **in a coffin in Egypt**. (Gen. 50:26 KJV)

**Paul's Preaching in Acts 13**

Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. (Acts 13:1 KJV)

The scene: Antioch Syria

...And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch. (Acts 11:26 KJV)

Notice: prophets- they were the foundation of the early church  
Their job was to give revelation from God regarding the new dispensation since none of the New Testament had been written.

The office of prophets cease with the office of apostles.

Both bridge the gap of the OT to the completion of the NT.

Simeon: a believer from Africa

Niger: Latin for "black"

The early church no longer has racial or national distinctions.

This will be apparent in our study of Colossians 3:11

Where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, Barbarian, Scythian, bond *nor* free: but Christ *is* all, and in all. (Col. 3:11 KJV)

Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch

He turns out to be the foster brother of Herod:

This is the same Herod who beheaded John the Baptist.

Afterwards, Herod is exiled to Gaul.

One is a Bible believing Christian- the other ends his life in disaster.

As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. (Acts 13:2 KJV)

Note that believers in this dispensation minister to the Lord  
We in turn minister to others.

Fasting is still for this age- some brethren do not believe that it is.

And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid *their* hands on them, they sent *them* away. (Acts 13:3 KJV)

This is the First Missionary Journey of Paul

So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. (Acts 13:4 KJV)

Note: who sends them?

Their destination is Cyprus (the home of Barnabas)

He returns their after his split with Paul.

And when they were at Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John to *their* minister. (Acts 13:5 KJV)

The Missionary Epistles: “To the Jew first...”

The Jews as a people (not as individuals) reject their Messiah

Jesus is rejected by the Jews of **Jerusalem** (*The Homeland*-Acts 7)

### **Pisidian Antioch: (Asia Minor)**

But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming. (Acts 13:45 KJV)

### **Paul's response:**

Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. (Acts 13:46 KJV)

### **Corinth: (Europe)**

And when Silas and Timotheus were come from Macedonia, Paul was pressed in the spirit, and testified to the Jews *that Jesus was Christ*.<sup>6</sup> And when **they opposed themselves**, and **blasphemed**, he shook *his* raiment, and said unto them, Your blood *be* upon your own heads; I *am* clean: **from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles**. (Acts 18:5-6 KJV)

### **Rome: (The Capital of the World)**

Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and *that* they will hear it. (Acts 28:28 KJV)

The Pastoral Epistles do not mention “to the Jew first.”

This is a complete rejection by the Jews as a people.

However, it is not forever.

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.<sup>26</sup> And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:<sup>27</sup> For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.<sup>28</sup> As concerning the gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election,

*they are* beloved for the fathers' sakes. <sup>29</sup> For the gifts and calling of God *are* without repentance. (Rom. 11:25-29 KJV)

Romans 9, 10, and 11 deal with National Israel

It is not a declaration of predestination of believers before the foundation of the world.

And when they had gone through the isle unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name *was* Barjesus: (Acts 13:6 KJV)

Note: “A Jew” Barjesus- “son of Jesus”  
 “Bar” is Aramaic/ Hebrew is “ben”

Which was with the deputy of the country, Sergius **Paulus**, a prudent man; who called for Barnabas and Saul, and **desired to hear the word of God**. (Acts 13:7 KJV)

This man is open to the gospel.

Paul adopts his name. Paul= “little”  
 Saul: his Jewish name= “desired”