

The “Holes” in the Gospel

There are 3 primary omissions or holes in what the majority of the church calls the Gospels.

These holes are:

1. **The Revelation and Present Reality of The Kingdom**
2. **The Life of Christ**
3. **The Law of God**

These 3 gaping holes in the Gospel are *major omissions* that have prevented the church from having a **FULL** revelation of **the Gospel** taught and delivered to us by Christ. * (Book: “The Full Gospel”)

Broaden Our Understanding of the “Gospel”

Either through neglect or purposeful omission, we have **pruned the “gospel” down** to being solely about **SALVATION**; when Salvation from a Biblical and Kingdom perspective involves more than the saving of man’s soul, but also includes the **RESTORATION** of an **ORIGINAL** Order in the earth that concern all of His creation.

- The word **GOSPEL** (*euaggelion*), which means *GOOD NEWS* or *Glad tidings*.
- We find in **Genesis 1:31**, GOD DECLARING THE GOSPEL or glad tidings over creation, when we read: **“And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.”**
- So we understand that there is also a **Gospel for Creation**.
 - **Romans 8:19-22** - creation is awaiting the manifestation of the Sons of God, to initiate through their **words**, the restoration of **God’s Voice** in the earth, which in turn restores God’s Order within creation!

- The Gospel Message must be seen as a holistic **PROVISION** from God for **THE WORK OF RESTORATION**, of His **CREATION**, that equips us to fulfill our assignment in the earth.
- This **TRUNCATED GOSPEL** has served to retard the church’s maturity and development, causing many to become stuck just inside the threshold of the Kingdom, while overlooking the majority of what the Gospel writers wrote in their books!

I. The First Hole is: The Revelation and Present Reality of The Kingdom

- **Matthew 24:14** - **“This Gospel of the Kingdom** must be preached to all the world as a **witness”**
 - Whenever the Kingdom was preached, it was accompanied by a **witness** that confirmed its reality and presence, i.e. **healing, deliverance, provision** etc ...
- The good news of the Kingdom is not confined to the wisdom or words of men, **but in Power!**
 - A gospel without a witness or **power** is just an **“opinion”**.

NOTE: The first place Jesus went to teach the Kingdom to was the synagogues or the **“Church”**.

- **Matthew 4:23, KJV** - “ And Jesus went about all Galilee, **teaching in their synagogues**, and preaching the **gospel of the kingdom**, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

THE KINGDOM IS THE GREATER CONTEXT OF THE GOSPEL

- **The Kingdom is the OBJECTIVE, while Salvation is the MEANS with Jesus as its OBJECT**
 - **John 3:3, 5, KJV** - *“Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’ ... ‘5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”*
 - *Faith, Grace, Salvation, Miracles Signs and Wonders all find their meaning within the context of the Kingdom. They are all provision for either its **establishment** or the **evidence** of its presence. The Kingdom is not in Word only, but in Power!*
- *When the Kingdom is omitted from the Gospel, there is a hole in it!*

II. The Second Hole is: The Minimization of the “Life” of Christ - “A Man, who was a Son of God, who walk by faith subduing and having Dominion!”

- This is evident when we look at the **Major Creeds of the Church** (Apostolic and Nicene Creeds).
- These are foundational statements of Orthodoxy and truth for the church upon which we base our doctrine. In looking at them, we discover a **gaping hole**, which comprises over 90% of the Gospel record found in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

The “Hole” in the Gospel - Church Creeds

The Nicene Creed

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
2. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.
3. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.
4. **-?-**
5. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
6. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
7. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

The Apostles' Creed

1. I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
2. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
3. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
4. **-?-**
5. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.
6. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
7. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

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- This aspect of the gospel was so important that God directed 4 writers to record the life of Jesus, how He lived, to serve as a memorial and record of what it looked like: *“For a Man, who is also a Son of God, walking by Faith and having dominion in the earth”, as Adam was intended to do.*
 - **Acts 1:1, NKJV** - *“The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began **both to do and teach** ...”*
 - **John 14:12** - *“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and **greater works than these he will do**, because I go to My Father.*

III. The Third Hole Concerns: The Law of God

- **Salvation Paradigm Impact** on our **Perception** of Law!
- Because of our focus on Salvation we have misunderstood the purpose and intended role of **God’s law** in the life of the Church, causing many to **rejected it!**

The Problem with Paul & the Law

- **2PETER 3:15-18, NKJV** - “[A]nd consider *that* the longsuffering of our Lord *is* salvation—as also our beloved brother Paul, according to the wisdom given to him, has written to you,¹⁶ as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as *they do* also the rest of the Scriptures.¹⁷ You therefore, beloved, since you know *this* beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
 - “wicked” - **“athemos”** (*a-the-mos*);
 - **“a”** – negative participle which means **“against”**
 - **“the”** – truncation of the word **“theo”**, which means **“God”**
 - **“mos”** – truncation of the word **“nomos”**, which means **“Law”**
 - Taken together, Peter is warning against teaching that has *twisted* Paul’s writings to be understood to be **“against God’s Law”!**
- Paul taught against the misuse of God’s law for righteousness sake or justification and the adherence to the **Jewish traditions** and **commandments of men** for the same.
- Jesus, throughout His ministry **confronted** that which presented itself as **God’s law**, but was not, which had become a **yoke and burden** upon the people.
- He consistently distinguished God’s Law from the **traditions, commandments and customs of men**, which caused bondage.
 - **Mark 7:8,13 NKJV** – “For **laying aside the commandment of God**, you hold the **tradition of men**’ ...¹³making the word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down. And many such things you do.”
- **See Also:**
 - **Titus 1:13b-14 (NKJV)** - “Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,¹⁴ not giving heed to Jewish fables and commandments of men who turn from the truth.”
 - **Colossians 2:20-23 (NKJV)** – “Therefore, if you died with Christ from the basic principles of the world, why, as though living in the world, do you subject yourselves to regulations²¹ “Do not touch, do not taste, do not handle,”²² which all concern things which perish with the using—according to the commandments and doctrines of men?²³ *These things indeed have an appearance of wisdom in self-imposed religion, false humility, and neglect of the body, but are of no value against the indulgence of the flesh”*
 - **1Peter 1:18-19 (NKJV)** - “knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”

In Summary:

- By omitting these 3 major components of the Full Gospel message, we are left with a hope of the afterlife without any real direction and equipping to fulfill our assignment here on earth of subduing and having dominion!

