

The Gospel Herald

“As the truth is in Jesus” (Ephesians 4:21)

For The LORD’S PILGRIMS, STRANGERS & SOJOURNERS

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The Full Gospel

In my journey among Christendom over the past thirty-six years, it never ceases to amaze me when some would ask me if I was a “Full Gospel” believer. As a newborn babe in Christ Jesus in the early 1970s, I was seeking anything and everything that resembled Bible-believing folks. I was invited to charismatic Pentecostal “Full Gospel” meetings, “Full Gospel” men’s fellowships, “Full Gospel” healing meetings, “Full Gospel” tongue-talking training meetings, etc.

*Over time I would notice on numerous Church marquee signs “A Full Gospel” Church. As God in his divine mercy would progressively reveal to me more and more of his sovereignty, and determined election of sinners, I began to realize those folks after all these years of professing to have a “Full Gospel”, had **only a partial gospel**. So it is with all of the denominations of the Christian realm that proclaim anything less than an **Almighty, unlimited, absolute sovereign God**.*

If there are a people among Christendom that should have a claim to proclaiming the “Full Gospel,” it should be the historic Particular Baptists, the Old School Predestinarian Baptists in the United States. The “Full Gospel” Pentecostal charismatic, sign-seeking, gift-seeking phenomenon was not even heard of in this country until about 1928 in central California, in an assembly led by an woman preacher, Amy McPherson.

*From her sign and wonder “gibberish” came the excitement of the modern “tongue talkers.” In my early experience, as I indicated, I sought to have all that God had for me. I was told that the true evidence of genuine salvation was by the manifestation of the gift of tongues which anyone could have by merely seeking God to bestow this divine gift. It was not long when God revealed to me in my seeking after these signs and gifts that I began to see the same people that claimed to have these spiritual gifts, would be “jabbering” the **same** syllables every time I would hear this “supposed” heavenly language.*

Without laboring the point of the erroneous heresy of modern day sign-seeking Pentecostalism; God, by divine mercy, steered me out of that - revealing that the true and glorious **good news** that can only cause the heart and soul to be blessed beyond measure - was not found in a sign nor gift, but in the God-given revelation of God's **Almighty character, His unlimited free and sovereign grace.** That this God of the Holy Bible has chosen a people out of the ruin of mankind for His **own** heritage and to send his beloved Son Jesus Christ to redeem this chosen lot unto Himself by Christ vicarious sacrificial atonement on the cross per the determinate will of the Father. These people chosen by the Father before the foundation of the world would be **effectually** called and drawn to Christ in this time world, born of His Spirit and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son. Now beloved this is a **"Full Gospel."**

Not a **partial gospel**, but the totality of the **Good News** that will cause the heir of divine grace to rejoice, and to experience **joy unspeakable** and **peace past understanding.** When one is taught of God to see the revelation of God's unconditional election, the divine effectual call, Christ particular redemption, God caused perseverance, to a chosen, appointed, ordained, called, and predestined number of the depraved human race, this is a **FULL GOSPEL** that brings the most blessed tidings of any message in the Holy Writ.

I refuse dear brethren to run away from the term "Full Gospel", for when ask if I am a believer in the "Full Gospel"? I can with all confidence answer "YES, I do." The **FULL GOSPEL** that declares an Almighty God, absolute in all His determined purposes.

"And for this cause shall God send them strong **delusion**, that they should believe a lie; That they all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" (II Thess. 2:11-12).

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