

# **The Four-Fold Purpose of the Gospel**

(Compiled by Paul R. Blake from a chart by Del Wininger)

## **Introduction:**

- A. It is important to understand that the Gospel is more than just the five finger exercise evangelists devolved into using.
  - 1. And it is more than just the good news of salvation in Jesus. These things are brief summaries and not the whole
  - 2. 1Cor. 15:1-4
- B. Brother Del Wininger developed a study and chart to help us to learn that the Gospel has four Divinely intended purposes that involve:
  - 1. Words to reveal all of God's will
  - 2. Preaching to call people to be saved
  - 3. Teaching to prepare people for work in this world and later for heaven
  - 4. Practices that provide us with all that the Lord wills

## **I. WORDS TO REVEAL**

- A. Words to reveal - John 6:62, 16:13
- B. The will of God - John 7:16, 14:10
- C. The power of Christ - Heb. 1:3, 1Cor. 1:23-24
- D. To humankind - Acts 11:13-14; Rom. 1:16
- E. To Convince the World - John 16:7-11
- F. For those who reject the revealing words - John 12:46-48

## **II. PREACHING TO CALL PEOPLE TO BE SAVED**

- A. Called By The Gospel - 2Thes. 2:13-15
- B. To Serve - Eph. 2:10
- C. The Christ - Col. 3:23-24
- D. In Christ - 2Tim. 1:13, 3:12
- E. One another - Gal. 5:13
- F. Together - Rom. 15:5-6

## **III. TEACHING TO PREPARE**

- A. Teaching to prepare people for work in this world - Eph. 1:3-14
- B. Teaching to prepare people for the place of rest for the soul - Matt. 11:28-30

## **IV. PRACTICES THAT PROVIDE**

- A. All right practices have been provided - 2Tim. 3:15-17
- B. A worship - 1Tim. 3:15; Matt. 15:9
- C. Care for the saints - Titus 3:8; 2Tim. 1:16-17
- D. A channel of blessing - Philemon 4-7
- E. Correction for the erring - Gal. 6:1; James 5:19-20
- F. To show the way of righteousness - Matt. 5:16; Phil. 3:17
- G. For those who accept the Gospel - Eph. 1:6; 2Peter 1:3-4

Conclusion:

- A. The purpose of the Gospel is to reveal God's will, to teach all to be saved, to teach the saved to serve, to preach righteousness and good works, until the Lord returns to receive the saved into heaven.
- B. It begins with Jesus Christ; it ends in our eternal salvation.
  - 1. 1Peter 1:7-9