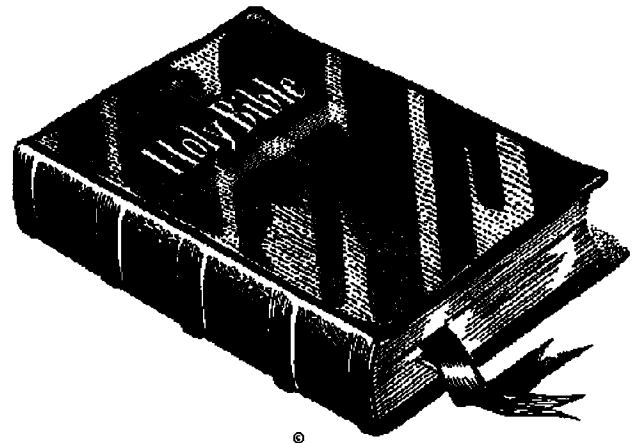


8. GOSPELS AND PLAN OF SALVATION



The word "gospel" means "good news." The good news in the Bible is the best news in the world! The New Testament tells us what we must do in order to be saved and be a part of Christ's church. Some day we will go to heaven if we obey the Bible!

The first four books in the New Testament are often called the Four Gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John tell about the birth and life of Jesus. They explain how Jesus died on the cross for our sins. God raised Jesus from the dead.



Before Jesus went to heaven to be with the Father, He said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the **gospel** to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved" (Mark 16:16).

FOUR GOSPELS:

MATTHEW
MARK
LUKE
JOHN

On the day of Pentecost, the apostle Peter told the people, "Repent and be baptized" (Acts 2:38). Those who obeyed became Christians (Acts 2:42).

Plan of Salvation

The Bible tells us about God's plan. We must obey the Bible if we want to be saved and go to heaven. The Four Gospels tell us a little about the plan of salvation. The book of Acts tells us how people were saved. We can become Christians in the same way. Fill in the missing letters by looking at the numbers. The first number tells which row to use. The second number tells which column to use.

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First you must _____ God's Word.
 72 65 61 83

Then you must _____.
 62 65 74 73 65 91 65

Next you must be sorry for your sins, and try not to sin again. You must _____.
 83 65 82 65 75 85

_____ Jesus is God's Son.
 63 81 75 71 65 84 84

Be _____.
 62 61 82 85 73 92 65 64

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