

Two Gospels?

Examining Don Behel's Assertions (Part 2)

INTRO:

1) June 7, 2020 Email

“Two Gospels- Rightly Divided” - Don Behel

2) “The attached paper explains the differences between the gospel that the Apostle Paul preached to the Gentiles, and the gospel that “the 12” preached to the Jews. The attached paper lists sixteen (16) differences between these two separate and distinct gospels.”

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- 3) “You will not be alone in preaching the ONE true gospel. Currently, there are Church of Christ congregations in Texas that are preaching Paul’s gospel, which is the ONE true gospel. We are emailing several preachers, elders and church workers on the same email. Our mission is to share the ONE true gospel with all Church of Christ congregations.”

Let us examine Behel’s false doctrine...

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I. "Rightly Divided"? (Letter Pages 2-3)

"RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE GOSPELS =
THE KEY TO OUR SALVATION

In this letter we will explain the two distinct and separate gospels that have been preached in the New Testament. One gospel was preached to the Jews by the twelve, and Paul preached the other gospel to the Gentiles. In this letter we will provide ("KJV" scripture references for) "sixteen" proofs that these are separate and distinct gospels.

Two separate and distinct gospels have been erroneously combined into one gospel. We should always pray to God for wisdom, so that we may..."

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I. “Rightly Divided”? (Letter Pages 2-3)

“...always... ***Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15.*** See where I underlined “**rightly dividing the word of truth?**”

...The Apostle Paul tells Timothy to rightly divide the word of truth in II Timothy 2:15, and tells the Ephesians in Ephesians 1:13-14 that they have heard the word of truth, the gospel of their salvation.”

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"When looking at these two scriptures, it is clear that when Paul is telling his disciple Timothy, to "rightly divide the **gospel(s)**," and that Paul is in fact, telling all disciples to "rightly divide the **gospel(s)**." Therefore, is there anyone that disagrees that we should "rightly divide" the gospel of the Jews, from the gospel of the Gentiles?

RESPONSE:

A. Behel claims to "rightly divide" by ADDING to God's word (Pr. 30:5-6; Rev. 22:18-19)!

Pr 30:5 Every word of God is tried: He is a shield unto them that take refuge in him. 6 Add thou not unto his words, Lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

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RESPONSE

B. Previous lesson, saw Behel assert:

1. A previous, failed "earthly kingdom" gospel...
2. Subjective arguments that ignore context & other plain passages... (Bride v Body, etc)
3. Calvinism (Once saved, always saved; Denial of all law; Denial of baptism; Imputation /Transference of sin & righteousness).

Behel ADDS, SUBTRACTS, MODIFIES!!!

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“ ‘THE DISPENSATION OF LAW’

The Gospel of the Jews and how they were saved

If we look in Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Hebrews, and also the first several chapters of Acts, we see the gospel that was preached to the Jews. Also, we see the writings from some of the twelve Apostles are also included in other books of the New Testament. These books are written only to the Jews. The gospel that was preached to the Jews included “water baptism” for remission of sins.

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“Jesus sent the twelve Apostles to preach only to the Jews. **The dispensational period in which the 12 preached was called ‘the Dispensation of Law.’** The 12 preached a gospel that required them to still be under the Law of Moses. Also, while Jesus was alive on the earth He was under the Law of Moses, and as such, everything that Jesus said while on earth was directed toward the House of Israel. Jesus admonished his followers to observe the law unwaveringly (Matthew 5:17–48).”

M, M, L, J and writing of the 12!!!

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“The Apostle Paul does not mention in any of his thirteen Epistles how to get our sins forgiven, or the need to get our sins forgiven. The simple reason for the omission is that Christ Jesus took the sins of the world upon Himself on the cross.”

- In short **ONLY** Paul's writings are in authority today, according to Behel!

- M, M, L, J, half of Acts, all the other epistles, are “gospel to the Jews” & discarded!

- This is what he calls “rightly dividing the gospels”!

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Mark 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

- Jews only? No! Jesus' gospel is to ALL!

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Acts 10-11 Peter taught same gospel to Gentiles

Acts 15:9 Paul & 12 apostles together at
Jerusalem, No distinction between Jew & Gentile

Gal 1:6-9; 2:4 Diff gospel = cursed, false brethren

Gal. 2:1-9 Same message, different audiences

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Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

- ONE Message to ALL audiences!
- NOT two gospels!

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“Many Christians believe that that when Jesus came to earth that he had come to go to the cross. However, Jesus never even alludes to the cross until He gets to the end of His ministry. We do see that Jesus came to this world to fulfil prophecy written in Zechariah 14:9, Daniel 7:13-14, and Jeremiah 31:31-37.”

NEVER? Jesus' early Galilean Ministry, ~ AD 28

- John 6 Eat flesh & drink blood
- John 8:28 When lifted up Son of man, know I AM
- Matt 12:40 sign of Jonah

Behel is wrong! Jesus alludes & plainly states!

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Daniel 7 points to Son of Man's everlasting kingdom.

Yet Behel says, “At the time of Acts 2:38 the Jews were still being offered an earthly kingdom. However, with their fall, all of that went away. Now, the children of Israel were under the same gospel that was given to the Gentiles. “

(Letter p. 16)

According to Behel, this prophecy & Jesus FAILED!

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“**Luke 24:47.** This was after the cross, and no mention of the cross. This is for the Jews. This is not our gospel.”

“**Matthew 28:19.** Not even Christ Jesus mentions the finished cross work in The Great Commission. Of course, Christ Jesus knew what would take place. However, the fact that He would die for the ‘sins of the world’ had not been yet revealed. That truth would come later from the Apostle Paul, who would receive this truth by divine revelation. This is proof that this is the gospel for the Jews.”

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RESPONSE: Acts 2:38 No Mention of cross?

- Jesus "crucified" (2:23, 26, 27, 31)
- Jesus raised (2:24, 28, 31)
- Jesus exalted/enthroned (2:25, 30, 33, 34, 35, 36)

RESPONSE: Acts 10 No Mention of cross?

- Jesus slain, "hung on tree" (10:39)
- Jesus raised (10:40, 41)
- Jesus "Lord of all" (10:36, 42, 43)

Behel doesn't "rightly divide"! He ignores & alters!

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RESPONSE: Lk 24:47 & Mt 28:19 No Mention of cross?

- Jesus crucified (Luke 23, Matthew 27)!
- Jesus raised (Luke 24; Matthew 28)!

How can anyone miss such a clear context?

Behel does NOT “rightly divide” God’s word!

He butchers it! Chops it to pieces!

God’s “eternal purpose” includes the church (Eph. 3:10-11). Christ’s death & church are not an after thought!

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“John Chapter 2 – ‘But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.’ John 1:12.

Again, the Jews were saved by believing on His name.

John Chapter 3 – ‘Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.’

John 2:23. Again, the Jews were saved by believing in His name.

John Chapter 20 – ‘But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.’ John 20:31. Again, the Jews were saved through His name.”

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“Acts Chapter 10 – ‘To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins.’

Acts 10:43. Here we see that the Jews will receive remission of sins by believing on Jesus' name. That sounds very similar to Acts 2:38. In Acts 2:38, they were to be ***baptized in the name of Jesus Christ*** for the remission of sins.

There is no mention of the cross in Acts 2:38, or Acts 10:43. That is proof that these verses are for the Jews, and refer to their gospel, not our gospel. The Jews were saved by believing **in, on, or through** Jesus' name.”

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“...The name of Jesus is just as powerful today as it was 2000 years ago, yet we are not saved by, in, or through His name. Today, we are saved by our belief in the finished cross work of Christ Jesus, and nothing else.”

RESPONSE:

- “Finished cross work” = false concept of Calvinist transference of Christ's righteousness
- Behel affirms power of Jesus name, yet says we ARE NOT SAVED BY, IN OR THROUGH Jesus name!!!
- Behel strips Jesus' name of meaning & power!

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RESPONSE: Remember Paul's commission & work!!!

Acts 9:15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel:

Acts 9:16 For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake.

Acts 9:29 And he spake boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus, and disputed against the Grecians: but they went about to slay him.

- Behel opposes what Paul affirmed & practiced!

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RESPONSE:

Acts 19:5 When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

- Ephesians saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8-9), **WHEN** they were baptized in Jesus' name!

Acts 21:13 Then Paul answered, What mean ye to weep and to break mine heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.

- Behel opposes what Paul says we should die for!

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RESPONSE:

Acts 26:9 I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth.

- Saul opposed Jesus' name UNTIL he was converted.
- Behel opposes Jesus' name because he is not converted!

Romans 1:5 By whom we have received grace and apostleship, for obedience to the faith among all nations, for his name:

Grace is not opposed to the name of Jesus!

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Col 3:17 And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.

- Behel refuses baptism in Jesus' name!

2Thess 1:12 That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Thus, Behel refuses to glorify Jesus' name & partake of grace!

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CONCLUSION:

- A) Behel does NOT rightly divide God's word!
Behel ADDS, SUBTRACTS, MODIFIES it!
- B) Behel removes half the N.T. & butchers the rest!
- C) Behel denies Jesus intentionally came to die on the cross! Thus, he denies God's eternal plan!
- D) Behel denies Jesus' name!

BEHEL IS A FALSE TEACHER!

Some Reject God's Grace!

God INCLUDES Baptism As "Grace"!

BAPTISM = Preach Jesus = GRACE
(Acts 8:35, 36; 11:20, 23).

BAPTISM = Word = GRACE
(Acts 10:47-48; 11:14; 20:32).

BAPTISM = The Gospel = GRACE
(Acts 22:10, 16; 20:24; Ro.6:3ff, 1:16; 3:24).

WASHING (Baptism) = Teaching = GRACE
(Titus 3:5, 2:11-12; Eph. 5:26; 4:4).

Baptism = Grace (1 Pet. 3:21; 5:12).

Baptized Into = In Christ = Grace
(Rom. 6:3; Gal. 3:27; 2 Tim. 2:1).