



Daily Verse and Comment

[Acts 8:12](#)

(12) But when they believed Philip, who was preaching the gospel—the things concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ—they were baptized, both men and women.

[Acts 19:8](#)

(8) Then he entered into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading the things concerning the kingdom of God.

[Acts 20:25](#)

(25) And now behold, I know that you all, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom of God, will see my face no more;

[Acts 28:23](#)

(23) And when they appointed a day for him to speak, many came into his lodging to hear him; and he expounded to them from morning until evening, fully testifying of the kingdom of God and persuading them of the things concerning Jesus, both from the law of Moses and from the prophets.

[Acts 28:31](#)

(31) Proclaiming the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, no man forbidding him.

A Faithful Version

It is quite plain what the apostles preached ([Acts 8:12](#); [19:8](#); [20:25](#); [28:23](#), 31). They preached the [Kingdom of God](#) with the same zeal as their Master, who had given them the example. To those who have ears to hear, it is clear that [the gospel](#) of the Kingdom is *the* gospel. Otherwise, why did Christ not call it something else?

Every time the word *gospel* appears—if [Jesus](#) qualifies the word at any point—it is always "of the Kingdom of [God](#)" or "of the [Kingdom of heaven](#)." That is what He preached! He preached the coming of a great Kingdom that would turn [this world](#) upside down and establish His Father's rule over all things.

That is what He *lives* for—and I use the present tense purposely. He still lives for it! He is just anxious to come back and finish His work—this time as [King of kings](#) and Lord of lords with the authority to make real changes. This is the same gospel—the same message—that His ministry *must* teach. We must preach the Kingdom of God.

We know that grace, [peace](#), salvation, and Christ's life and example are certainly part of that preaching, but the primary thrust is the Kingdom of God. Our hope of being resurrected and changed to be part of that Kingdom, and all of the things that come with it, will all come about because the gospel of the Kingdom is the *focus*. This is how God works through human, physical, fleshly people. He gives them the gospel, and He sends them out. It must be preached, for by it salvation comes ([Romans 1:16](#)).

— Richard T. Ritenbaugh

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