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Introduction

- It is no secret that we are living in unprecedented times of history.
- We are seeing advancements in every aspect of life.
- Knowledge is available at our fingertips
- We have constant access to entertainment and social interactions.
- Also, the philosophies of man continue to develop, with more and more dismissing our need for God and His word.

Introduction

- When trying to share your faith, it is not uncommon for some to say that the gospel is outdated.
- The mantra is that we need a “new” gospel that is more up to date on social issues and the times.
- We also find this trending in the religious world with efforts to make the gospel more “relevant” for today’s needs. Worship is about entertainment, tolerance and acceptance, greater emphasis on social needs and less emphasis on sin and sanctification.
- Thus the cry for a “new” gospel
- BUT...

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This problem is not new

- **Jeremiah 6:16-17** – a call to ask for the old paths, but they refused
- **Isaiah 30:9-10** – speak to us smooth things
- **Matthew 15:3-9** – the LOM was set aside by their traditions
- **Galatians 1:6-9** – “another gospel” which is not another
- **Acts 17:21** – seeking some new philosophy
- AT the foundation of every “new” religion is the quest for “a new gospel”.

Some things have not changed

✓ The world has not changed

- It still works as throughout recorded history
- **Genesis 1** records the creation of the world by God. He spoke it into existence.
- **2 Peter 3:4-7** – by that same word it still stands.
- Since “the dawn of civilization” there have been 24 hour days, seasons, lunar cycles, etc. Nature still works with complete precision – **cf. Genesis 8:20-22** – since the flood

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- Have you ever wondered why the general theory of evolution calls for millions and billions of years before man began?
 - Because since the recorded history of man they have not witnessed evolutionary change!
 - Evolution depends on mutations, natural disasters and “accidents” and unverifiable time, yet not once in recorded history has anything been witnessed.
- Yet, in the next breath they rely on the consistency of scientific law.

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✓ **The nature of man has not changed**

- Again “the evolution of man” goes back to times before recorded history.
- **Genesis 1:26-27** records that God created man on day 6
- The dating of this world biblically is ~10-6,000 years. Since the early writings of the Bible (within 4000 years), the nature of man remains the same.
- We need the same essentials to survive.
- Man still struggles at the root level with the same problems – emotions, lusts, senses.

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- **Romans 3:23** – all have sinned. Man still sins with the same lusts - **1 John 2:15-16**
- **Genesis 6:5** – man before the flood – his heart was on evil continually
- Still, some behave badly while others behave honorably (and every strand in between).
- **2 Timothy 3:1-5** – describes much of society today

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- As diseases and sickness mutate, so does the treatments. They need to adapt
- But the “disease” of sin has remained the same
- Introduced to the world by Eve and Adam - **Genesis 3**, its character remains consistent.
- Sin has not been eradicated.
- At the heart of sin is the same motives, desires and attitudes.

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- Man is affected by sin today the same way it was when the Bible was being written.
- Eve and Adam were tempted by the same 3 avenues as every sin today - **Genesis 3:6-7**.
- **Romans 6:23** - its wages is still death.
- **Isaiah 59:1-3, Colossians 1:21** – it will separate you from God
- Sin does NOT produce positive results in the world.
- Ultimately, it will still lead to eternal condemnation – **Galatians 5:19-21, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11**

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- The solution to sin is still the same, as when the gospel was preached.
- **Romans 6:23** – the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord
- **Acts 4:12** – there is no other name that leads to salvation.
- **Acts 22:16** – it is through obeying the gospel that our sins are forgiven.

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- He lied to Eve and tempted her. He is the same evil and manipulative one today as he was then.
- **1 Peter 5:8** – He still walks about seeking whom he may devour
- **Matthew 7:15, 1 John 4:1** – He still uses his “disciples” in the world
- **1 John 5:19** – the world is still under his sway

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- He still disguises himself – **2 Corinthians 11:13-14**
- The fate of his followers has not changed – **Matthew 15:13-14, Revelation 20:15, 21:8, etc.**
- **James 4:7** – he can still be resisted

God's word has always remained constant

✓ The timeless wisdom of God

- When Jesus was tempted – **Matthew 4:1-11**. He appealed to the LOM written ~1500 years earlier. It still worked. **Deuteronomy 6:13, 16, 8:3**.
- Josiah, Judah's final righteous king restored true worship by returning to the Book of the Law, some 800 years later – **2 Kings 22**
- The point – God's word is timeless – **Isaiah 55:11, 1 Peter 1:24-25**

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- ✓ **The Gospel saved men when it was written**
- **Acts 2:38-41** – On Pentecost (~AD 33), 3000 souls were baptized. It spread from there.
- Numerous examples in the book of Acts.

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✓ The Gospel transformed lives

- **Acts 2:38-41** – On Pentecost (~AD 33), 3000 souls were baptized. It spread from there – the message of the book of Acts.
- From the apostles who went from forsaking Him to defending Him with great boldness, many to the death
- Paul – from persecutor to staunch preacher –
1 Timothy 1:12-15
- **Romans 6:17-18, 1 Corinthians 6:11**

The Gospel is **STILL** the answer today

- **Romans 1:16-17**
- The gospel addresses that which has not changed.
- It is the account of what God has done to redeem mankind from the fall – **John 3:16, Romans 5:6-9, 1 Corinthians 15:1-8**
- It gives the solution to the problem of sin – **Romans 10:9-10, Acts 2:38, 22:16, etc.**
We are still saved by the same pattern today!

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- Its principals of morality and humanity are still the best course for a better society
- Love is how we ought to treat each other – **1 Corinthians 12:31-13:8, Matthew 5:44, Romans 13:9-10**
- Godly attitudes are still what are desperately needed today – **Galatians 5:22-23, James 3:17**. Forgiveness, patience, kindness, etc.
- **Galatians 6:7-8** – you still reap what you sow

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- The same gospel can transform lives today
**Romans 6:3-4, 2 Corinthians 5:17,
Romans 12:1-2**
- We can see the transformation in lives when one determines to change their lives for the better.
- Whether one accepts the gospel for salvation or not, the truth is – when man follows what God's word teaches they will live better, peaceful lives and help those around them.

Concluding thoughts

- Considering our “advanced society”, why should we appeal to an “ancient document” for moral direction?
- Because the Bible is not about Facebook, TikTok, cell phones, airplanes, satellites, and the latest things.
- It is about that part of man that has NOT changed. Its message is timeless and the standard we need to be a better place.
- THAT is why we still need THE gospel today!

Will you consider the
gospel today?