

The Simple Gospel

GENESIS 1:1

1. In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

WHAT VISIONS ARE [56-0421]

Now, I'm going to make it real simple. We got little bright eyed children setting here. And if Jesus tarries, that's the men and women of tomorrow. And I think that too many times, that we make the Gospel so complicated, that just maybe the adults and so forth could understand it, and don't realize that those little children get it also.

GENESIS 1:27

27. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

II CORINTHIANS 11:2-3

2. For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.

3. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH PT4 [53-0328]

"Old-time religion," they say, "it's something that's passed long ago, can't have it; it's too much. We're living in a modern day; we've got to get modern ideas. We got to have shuffle boards in the church, ping-pong games, and everything to hold our young people."

Brother or Sister, if it ever gets to a time that I have to have a card party in the church to hold an audience, I'll quit preaching the Gospel, 'cause It's lost Its power. I tell you, brother, what we need today is the old fashion, simple Gospel, Holy Ghost power preached in Its simplicity, then "*If I be lifted up from the earth, I'll draw all men unto Me.*"

HEALING (WHAT CANCER IS) 53-0904

It's the greatest drawing power the world has ever known. Jesus said, "*If I be lifted up, I'll draw all men unto Me.*" And if we'll just in the simple Gospel, draw--lift Jesus Christ up before the people, He will do the drawing. It's the greatest magnet the world has ever known.

JOHN 1:1

1. In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

JOHN 1:14a

14a. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...

I TIMOTHY 3:16

16. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

COLOSSIANS 1:14-17

14. In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:

15. Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

16. For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

17. And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

COLOSSIANS 1:19

19. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

COLOSSIANS 2:9

9. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

FELLOWSHIP [56-0212]

Many times we make it so complicated with creeds, and different things to deal with, different isms, and things that we've made up inside of our fleshy mind; and we many times through that, drive sinners far away from God. But just make it simple that little children would understand, and then it'll lift up Christ, and He said, "*I will draw all men unto Me.*"

JOHN 3:16

16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

HEBREWS CHAPTER SEVEN PT1 [57-0915E]

They try to make it so complicated, these things and them things. When, **it boils right down to one thing: your personal faith in God.** That's it. That tells it. "*For by faith,*" not by feeling. "*By faith,*" not by emotion. "*By faith,*" not by sensation. "*But by faith are you saved; and that by...*" Because you sought the Lord? Because you was a good person? Because, "God, by grace, foreknew you and ordained you to Eternal Life."

A TIME OF DECISION [59-0418]

We try to make God so complicated, that people can't touch Him. That's how they miss it. He's... **It's so simple. God's made it so simple.** I believe the Scripture says in one places, "*Though a fool would not err.*" **It's so simple.** And when we go to making it complicated, then we get plumb away from Him. See? His program is real... just... **God dwells among His people in simplicity.** Just the least that you can study, or try to figure out, why, you just don't do that, you **take Him at His Word like a child and go ahead.**

ISAIAH 53:5a

5a. But he was wounded for **our [transgressions]**, he was bruised for **our [iniquities]**:

HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 6588

pasha' {peh'-shah} 1) transgression, rebellion

HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 5771

'avon {aw-vone'} 1) perversity, depravity, iniquity, guilt/punishment of iniquity

ISAIAH 53:5b

5b. ...the **[chastisement]** of **our [peace]** was upon him;

HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 4148

muwcar {moo-sawr'} 1) discipline, chastening, correction

HEBREW LEXICON -- STRONG'S NUMBER 7965

shalowm {shaw-lome'}

1a) completeness (in number)

1b) safety, soundness (in body)

1c) welfare, health, prosperity

1d) peace, quiet, tranquillity, contentment

ISAIAH 53:5c

5c. ...and with his stripes **we are healed.**

THE DEEP CALLING TO THE DEEP [56-0415]

People look for healing of the body to be so complicated. It's very simple, just taking God at His Word, just--just saying the same thing He does. That's all. "By His stripes I'm healed." And that settles it.

PSALM 103:1-3

1. Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
2. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:
3. **Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;**

ACTS 2:38

38. Then Peter said unto them, **Repent, and be baptized** every one of you **in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, **and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

JESUS CHRIST THE SAME... [55-0806]

...we have been so indocumated with different teachings and so forth, till many times we--we fail to get the real power out of the Gospel, because **we try to make it so complicated; and to see how simple it is, we miss it by that way.**

BELIEVEST THOU THIS [60-0402]

The church still has a power. God's never taken His power from the church, but the church don't have faith enough to act upon it. That's all. It's just that simple. We try to make it so complicated sometimes, but **the more simple you make the Gospel, the more reality you'll have, when you just get real simple with it: God said so; that settles it; and that's all.** And just believe it, go ahead.

REVELATION BOOK OF SYMBOLS [56-0617]

God, **may we never, never be guilty of making the Gospel so complicated to people that they'd think it was man instead of God.**