

What is the Gospel for the Thai Buddhist Mainstream?

Read these verses and see how many Gospels you can identify:

Matt 4:23 –

Matt 26:13 – (not easy)

Mark 1:1 –

Mark 1:14 –

Acts 20:24 –

Roman 1:1 –

Romans 1:9 –

Romans 2:16, 16:25 –

Romans 15:19 –

2 Cor. 4:4 –

Galatians 1:6,7 –

Galatians 1:11 –

Galatians 2:2 –

Galatians 2:7 –

Ephesians 1:13 –

Ephesians 6:15 –

2 Thessalonians 1:8 –

Revelations 14:6 –

Who is the object of the gospel?

Mar 6:15 –

Luke 3:18 –

Luke 4:18, 7:22 –

Results, effects or response to the Gospel:

Luke 9:6 –

Luke 20:1 –

Acts 2:37,38 –

Acts 10:24,25 –

Acts 16:31-34 –

Acts 17:32-34 –

Acts 19:11,12 –

Acts 19:18,19 –

What does the book of Philippians say about the Gospel?

Philippians 1:5 – Participation

Philippians 1:7 – Conformation

Philippians 1:12 – Progress

Philippians 1:16 – Defense

Philippians 1:27 – Worth and Faith

Philippians 2:22 – Furtherance

Philippians 4:3 – Cause

And Finally The Mystery of the Gospel

Ephesians 6:19 – Pray that I may make known the Mystery of the Gospel

Colossians 1:27 – Christ in you is the mystery

John 17:18 As you have sent Me into the World, so do I send them in to the World

Christ in you, You in the world.

My Notes for presenting this study:

I Thessalonians 1:5 Word only but in Power, Holy Spirit Full Conviction Proven Men Among you

Not something given offered presented etc. Not a gift, not a teaching, not a method, system, religion but Christ, in you, the hope of glory.

Story of Cornelius Acts 10 and 11 (Note: 10:28,29; 11:15)

Why angels did not tell and why God needed Peter to go, Christ in him.

Elisha and woman's dead boy Physical presence (2Kings 4:19)

Jesus saves, not a formula, not even the Word ("you think in them you find eternal life" John 5:39)

Words from Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

"What are you to think of other religions? Are they as nothing as compared to Christianity?"

We answer that the Christian religion is not of God. It is rather another example of a human way to God, like Buddhists and others too. Christ is not the bringer of Christianity but the bringer of God. The Christian religion stands with other religions"

And This:

"We all know that Christ in effect has been completely eliminated from our lives. Of course we build him a temple, but we live in our own house. Christ has become a matter of the church, of the churchiness of a group, not a matter of our lives.

What is seductive about these attempts to eliminate and isolate Christ is that they carry with them the appearance of elevating Him, of promoting Him for the first time to His proper place, a place worthy of him. All opposed to this are opposed to the holiness and majesty of God. One admires worships and honors Christ, only one thing one does not do, one does not take him [Christ] seriously."

So, what is the Gospel to the Thai Mainstream Buddhist? It is you living, ministering among (not to) among them.