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## Numbers

### One Gospel

The word, "gospel," appears in the scriptures 101 times in 95 verses. In the vast majority of times it is preceded by the article, "the," which indicates uniqueness or one of a kind. Other times it is preceded by the words: our; my; this; and glorious.

The gospel is said to be several things:

1. the gospel of the kingdom of God.
2. the gospel of the grace of Christ.
3. the gospel of Jesus Christ.
4. the gospel of the grace of God.
5. the gospel of God.
6. the gospel of Christ.
7. the gospel of peace.
8. the gospel of your salvation.

The word, "gospel," literally means "a good message" or "good news." It declares unto us the good news of the grace of Christ and the good news of the kingdom of God and the good news of our salvation.

Paul warned about preaching a perverted gospel: Gal. 1:6 "I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: 7 Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. 9 As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." He declares to us that "any gospel" other than the "grace of Christ" is "a perverted gospel" and not "the gospel."

Paul also told us that there would be those who would come preaching "another gospel:" 2 Cor. 11:4 "For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."

There are many sounds, and many spirits that have gone out into the world and many gospels, but there is only one true gospel. That gospel is "the gospel of the grace of

Christ." Paul said to let any one who preached anything other than the "grace of Christ" to be accursed.