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### III. A CLEAR MESSAGE V.7

Many people have not heard the Gospel clearly presented.

Believers are often confused about Christianity because preachers/teachers digress from the Gospel.

When the Gospel is clouded with other messages its power is diluted.

The Kingdom of heaven can be viewed in three aspects:

1. it is manifest in conversion, (18.3).
2. it is manifest in consecration, (Ro.14.17).
3. the kingdom will be seen in its glorious millennial form, (25.31; Ac.3.19–21; Re.11.15; 20.4).

By definition, a kingdom is the domain ruled by a king, its sovereign - the essence is the actual *ruling*. **The kingdom of heaven** is above all the domain of God's lordship - where He rules by His divine will. All of Jesus' teachings was teaching the truths & principles of life in God's kingdom.

The Gospel transforms society only as it transforms individuals.

### IV. CONFIRMING CREDENTIALS V.8

Those who represent Christ must have credentials that confirm their divine mission & message.

Jesus commanded the apostles to perform signs, not for raw supernatural power.

The miracles created wonder & demonstrated the character of God & the nature of His kingdom.

1. The ability to **heal the sick** and **cleanse the leper**.

When John was imprisoned, Jesus knew he would recognize the miracles as the confirming marks of God's Messiah & God's kingdom.

The apostolic miracles ceased with termination of the apostles' work;

- Christians who are orthodox in doctrine but show little compassion for are ineffective ... because they lack an important credential that should mark the servant of Christ.

2. The power to **raise the dead** & **cast out demons**.

These miraculous powers were restricted to the apostolic age, & no believer today manifests such supernatural apostolic credentials.

The ministry of the true servant of Christ is characterized by God's power in redeeming lives.

### CONCLUSION:

The Gospel of God gives divine spiritual understanding & brings spiritual growth.