The Lord placed this treasure in earthen vessels.

- The Gospel is the lens through which we see God.
- To mar the Gospel is to deface the portrait of Christ.
- To veil the Gospel blinds the minds of those we seek.
- Your love & loyalty to the Gospel is revealed by your love & loyalty to Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 2:8-9 tells what the Gospel “is” and “is not”.

1. What the Gospel is:
   A. “A Gift” Rom. 5:15-17, 6:23
   B. “By Grace” Rom. 11:6
      - The Gospel must be Free or it is not the Gospel.
      - The Gospel must be Forever or it is not the Gospel.
      - Scriptures that says you have Eternal Life forever:
      - You cannot know that you really believe, until you can say “I have it, (Eternal Life)”.
      - A man cannot know he is saved, until he believes in Eternal Security.
      - Since the Gospel and Eternal Security is the same, if a person doesn’t believe in Eternal Security, they don’t believe the Gospel!
      - Example of Water in John 4:10
      - Example of Bread in John 6:28-35

2. “What the Gospel is not” “…not of works” Eph. 2:8, 9
   To trust in the commitment of a performance, (regardless of how small), constitutes works for salvation. Rom. 4:5
   Therefore:
   A. Lordship Salvation, which teaches you must make Christ the Lord of your life to be saved, is not true. Mark 12:28-31 shows that this is law. This teaches you must promise to start being good.
   B. Repent of your sins, which is taught as turning from your bad deeds to be saved is not true. Luke 13:1
      This teaches that you must promise to stop being bad.

TO DEFINITELY KNOW YOU ARE TRULY GOING TO HEAVEN, YOU MUST BELIEVE IN ETERNAL SECURITY.