

## Jesus and Paul agreed on all major doctrines – here is a list of 45 of them

THEME	CONCEPT	TAUGHT BY JESUS	TAUGHT BY PAUL
Old Testament	Christianity is the fulfilment of Judaism	Mt.5:18; Lk.16:16,17	Rom.10:4,9-11; Col.2:16,17
	Old Testament prophesied about Jesus	Jn.5:39; Lk.24:45-47	Rom.1:2; 1.Cor.15:3
Attitude to OT laws	Affirmed moral law	Mt.5:18; Lk.18:18,19	Rom.7:16; 1.Tim.1:8
	Ceremonial law cancelled	Mk.7:19	Rom.3:20; 6:14
	Opposition to legalism	Mk.2:23-28; 3:1-6	Gal.2:16; 3:10-12
	Irrelevance of temple & rites	Jn.2:13-22; Mt.12:6; 24:1,2	1.Cor.3:16,17; 2.Cor.6:16; Eph.2:21
Nature Of God	God is One	Mk.12:29	Rom.3:30
	Trinity: God is Father, Son & Holy Spirit	Mt.28:19,20	Eph.1:17
	God the Father	Jn.5, 8, 10	Eph.3:14,15
	Jesus is the Son of God	Jn.10:36	Rom.1:4; Gal.4:4
	Jesus & the Father	Jn.14:10	Col.1:19
	Jesus is the Messiah	Mt.26:63	Acts.18:28
Human Nature	Work of Holy Spirit	Jn.14-16	Rom.8:9; 12:3,4; 1.Cor.6:9
	People are created by God	Mt.19:4	1.Cor.15:48
Person of Christ	People are sinners	Mk.3:38; Mt.12:34; Jn.2:24,25; 3:19,20	Rom.3:23
	Deity of Christ	Jn.10:30,36	Col.1:15,19; 2:9
	Pleased the Father not himself	Jn.5:40; 8:29	Rom.15:3
	Empowered by the Spirit	Lk.4:18,19	Rom.8:11
	Jesus had authority to forgive sin	Mt.9:1-8; Mk.2:1-12; Lk.7:44-50	Eph.1:7; Col.1:14
	Jesus is the bridegroom of his church	Mt. 9:14-15; 22:1-13; 25:1-14	Eph.5:23-32
Christ's death & resurrection	Descended from but greater than David	Mt.22:45; Mk.12:37; Lk.20:44	Rom.1:3
	Jesus died as an atonement for sin	Mt.26:28; Jn.12:23	Eph.1:7; Rom.5:8; 1.Cor.5:7
	Jesus died for others as a substitute	Mk.10:45; 14:24; Lk.22:19,20; Jn.10:11	2.Cor.5:21; Rom.4:25
	Jesus' death & burial completed by resurrection	Lk.24:46,47; Jn.20:25-29	Rom.10:9
Response required	Defeated Satan	Jn.12:31; 16:11	Col.2:15
	Man cannot save himself	Mt.19:25,26; Jn.4:44	Eph.2:8,9
	Faith & surrender to Christ required	Mk.1:15; Jn.6:47	Rom.10:9,10
	Doing more than hearing	Lk.6:46	Rom.2:13
	Becoming a Jew not necessary	Mt.8:5-13; 15:21-29; Lk.8:38,38; Jn.4:	Gal.2:14,15
Transformed life	Disciple all nations	Mt.28:19,20	Rom.1:5; 16:26
	Need to take up our cross	Lk.9:23	2.Cor.5:17
	A seed dies before it brings life	Jn.12:24	1.Cor.15:36
	The result is a changed life & commitment	Lk.14:25-35; Jn.15:1-11	2.Cor.5:17
	Be both wise and innocent	Matthew 10:16	Romans 16:19
	Primacy of love	Jn.15:9-17	1.Cor.13; Rom.13:8-10.

<b>Social &amp; Ethical teaching</b>	Celibacy	Mt.19:12	1.Cor.7:1,7
	Monogamy	Mt.19:4,5	Eph.5:31; 1.Tim.3:2,12
	No divorce	Mt.5:31;Mk.10:2-12	1.Cor.7:11-13,27
	Don't judge others	Mt.7:1-5	Rom.2:1-4
	Don't be men-pleasers	Mt.6:1	Gal.1:10
	Love your enemies	Lk.6:27; Mt.5:43	Rom.12:14-21
<b>Christ's return</b>	Jesus will return	Mt.24:30	1.Thess.1:10
	Jesus will judge everyone	Mt.25:31-33	Acts.17:31
	Jesus will reward people	Mt.16:27	Eph.6:8
	We will be forever with Him	Jn.14:3	1.Thess.4:17

### In some matters, Paul added to the teaching of Jesus

Jesus had laid the foundation for this: "The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, **will teach you all things** and will remind you of everything I have said to you." **John 14:26**  
 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, **he will guide you into all truth**. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. **John 16:12-13**

**Circumcision:** Jesus said little ( "you circumcise on the Sabbath for the law of Moses" Jn.7:22,23) because his audience was mostly Jewish, and they had already been circumcised, so it was not an issue.  
**Paul took OT teachings to their logical conclusion:**

"To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. Yet the LORD set his affection on your forefathers and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations, as it is today. Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer." **Deuteronomy 10:14-16**

"The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live." **Deuteronomy 30:6**

"Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, circumcise your hearts, you men of Judah and people of Jerusalem." **Jeremiah 4:4; 9:25,26**

**Paul's teaching:** "Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. Keeping God's commands is what counts." **1 Corinthians 7:19 Also Romans 2:25-29**

"For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." **Galatians 5:6**

"Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation." **Gal.6:15**

"In Christ you were circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the human hands but with the circumcision done by Christ by being buried with him in baptism." **Gal.2:11**

**Slavery:** Jesus affirmed freedom (Jn.8:32-36). Paul condemned slave-trading (1.Tim.1:10; Philemon 16)

# Jesus & Paul: Did they contradict each other?

**Muslims often claim that the apostle Paul corrupted the pure teaching of Jesus.**

This is based on a reference in the fake and forged 'Gospel of Barnabas':

*"For certain evil men, pretending to be disciples, preached that Jesus died and rose again. Others preached, and yet preach, that Jesus is the son of God, among whom is Paul deceived."* **Ch 222.**

**Adolf Hitler made the same claim:**

*"The decisive falsification of Jesus' doctrine was the work of St. Paul. He gave himself to this work... for the purposes of personal exploitation."* Hitler, quoted on 21 October 1941, in H.R. Trevor-Roper, *Hitler's Secret Conversations 1941-1944*, p. 63

**But is this charge true?**