ONE WORD FOR ONE PEOPLE

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There are no diverse truths, but one. The one truth is that all need to respond to the Gospel, and the Bible assures believers that some — even many — will do so.

Australians, it is said, are a pretty diverse lot. This is certainly true when it comes to the uniqueness of the individual, but it is not true when it comes to the people generally. There are agendas which push for "cultural diversity" and "multiple ethnicities", but the Bible puts all the people into one category, that is, men. This is certainly good news for all, because God's will is to "have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth." (1 Timothy 2:4).

Australia is a nation of the class called "Gentiles". "Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and *that* they will hear it." (Acts 28:28). All those who are trying to make a "Gospel" for only certain classes or subcultures are failing miserably. The only way of affecting the nation for good is by the Gospel, a Gospel which has in it the directive to reach the people, and power in it to change the hearers of it.

Jesus told believers to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" (Matthew 28:19a). Jesus expected that the Gospel would be able to reach nations, not merely a few. The idea of trying to reach different people with different "Gospels" and different "Bible" versions is completely divisive, and cannot succeed. There is only one Word, and only one true Church for people to be born into.

There are differences between people, but there should not be differences in doctrines. There are diversities of spiritual gifts, but there should be no division in the Church. There is only one pure religion before God. God wants His Church to preach the truth, so that those not in the pure religion might be saved.