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# THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

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# The Gospel



Introduction:

What does it mean to be a “Christian?”

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_!

This is what Paul means in Galatians 2:20

Tom Ascol has said:

*“This is the responsibility of every Christian. Like sheep who will follow only the voice of their shepherd, we must learn to recognize the simplicity and the fullness of the gospel of Jesus Christ and refuse to tolerate any teaching that deviates from it.*

*Our very lives depend on it!”*

Sadly, today the message of the gospel is not known and the power of it is not lived. Why you ask? Because the message has become a “message of prosperity” not a “message of salvation”.

O, how we need to heed Paul’s warning to NOT, turn to a different gospel, or distort the true gospel!

(Galatians 1:6-9)

And Peter exhorts us to know it and live it and in doing so be prepared to share it as the basis for our hope.

(1 Peter 3:15-16)

# What is the Gospel?

1<sup>st</sup> - it is a message that is \_\_\_\_\_!

The word "Gospel" means "\_\_\_\_\_!"

- Note: "News" that is good is so because it addresses positively "\_\_\_\_\_"

## The Bad News!

- Isaiah 43:7
- Genesis 2:15-17 / 3:19
- Romans 5:12 / 3:23 / 6:23
- Romans 1:18-25
- Romans 3:10-18
- Ephesians 2:1-3
- o **The Point**
  - God is holy and just!
  - God will judge me based on my own righteousness or (lack of it), OR >> on the righteousness of another!
  - By nature I am an object of God's wrath.

SO, how does the Gospel address our bad news?

Answer:

**It reveals how God solves our very serious problem!**

>> John 3:16 <<

This is the Central Message of the Bible!

- o From the fall Genesis 3:15 to Revelation 22:6-17

All of the Bible either points to the anticipation of Christ. (Genesis – Malachi)

Or, reveals the arrival and life of Christ. (Matthew – John)

Or, reveals how to respond to Christ's accomplishments in the hope of His return! (Acts – Revelation)

**John 17:3 – “This is life eternal to know the only true God and His Son Jesus Christ!....”**

Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John are called “The Gospels” because they are narrative accounts of the birth and life, suffering and death, burial and resurrection of Christ!

In a word then, **The Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ !**

## Let's Review:

What does it mean to be a Christian?

What essentially is the Gospel?

Why?

What is the "Bad News"?

So how does the Gospel address this bad news? (looking for a verse here?)

What is the entire bible essentially about?

Therefore, the Gospel is \_\_\_\_\_ !

SO let's look at the life of Jesus Christ and see just how He is "Good News!"



## The Birth of Christ!

*Luke 2:10-11 Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

Isaiah 7:14 - His name shall be Immanuel (God with us)

John 1:1-5; 14 - The Word was God!  
And became flesh and dwelt among us!

**POINT: >>**

## The Life of Christ!

Matthew 3:13-17 – (15) – “Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness!”

(17) – “and behold, a voice from heaven said,  
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well  
pleased”

Matthew 4:1-11

Philippians 2:5-8

**POINT: >>**

## The Suffering and Death of Christ!

I Corinthians 15:1-4 – Now I would remind you, brothers of the gospel....For I delivered it to you as of first importance, what I also received: That **Christ died for our sins** in accordance with the Scriptures, that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures!

Christ suffering and death was nothing less than the wrath of God being poured out on Jesus instead of me! (I John 4:10)

This is called; >> “**Double Imputation!**”

(II Corinthians 5:21)

- Imputed on Christ was all my sin and therefore, all God's wrath intended for me!
- Imputed on me is all Christ's righteousness!

Therefore, Colossians 1:19-22

**POINT: >>**



## The Resurrection of Christ!

Ephesians 2:1-9 From Dust to Glory!

I Corinthians 15:17 – without the resurrection,  
our faith is vain!

(Rom. 4:25) – Raised for our Justification

Philippians 3:10 – The power of the  
resurrection! The life of faith!

The resurrection gives to us a new life that is  
free from the bondage of Bad News! And that  
friends, is Great News for Great Joy!

Jesus Came that His Joy would be in us and  
our Joy would be complete! (John 15:11)

**POINT: >> (II Corinthians 5:17)**

## Let's Review:

What does it mean to be a Christian?

What is the Gospel?

What is the Significance of Christ's Birth?

What is the Significance of Christ's Life?

What is the Significance of Christ's Death?

What is the Significance of Christ's Resurrection?

## How do I become a benefactor of this Good News?

2 Steps:

1. \_\_\_\_\_!

2. \_\_\_\_\_!

### Agreeing with God:

*/ John 1:9*

*“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

What does it mean to CONFESS?

*What does God say?      Romans 3:23*

*“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*

Meaning –

Isaiah 43:6-7

Romans 1:18-23

Therefore; Romans 6:23 -

“For the wages of sin is death,,,”

Meaning -

Wages =

Death =

Rom.6:23 cont.

>BUT< the gift of God is eternal life.”

Gift -

Eternal Life - (John 17:3)

Romans 5:8 -

“But God demonstrates His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!”

Meaning -

John 3:16 -

1 John 4:10 -

Receiving in the Lord Jesus Christ:

Romans 10:13 -

“For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Romans 10:9 -

“...If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved!”

Acts 16:31 -

“Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...”

Q: - Why will God welcome you into His heaven?

Ephesians 2:8 -

“For by grace you are saved through faith....”

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What is Faith?

How do I, Call on / Confess / and Believe

## “Call on the name of the Lord”

### 1. Agree with God!

- a. I reject God! (Romans 3:23)
- b. I deserve His wrath! (Romans 6:23)
- c. Salvation is His gracious work of love!  
(Romans 5:8)
- d. I can not earn it, nor do I deserve it, it is  
completely a free gift to me!  
(Ephesians 2:8-9)

### 2. Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ!

Jesus says in John 3:16; God so loved the world that He gave His Son that whoever “Believes” in Him will not perish but have eternal life!

When the Philippian Jailer asked Paul and Silas what he must do to be saved; Paul said: “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved! (Acts 16:31)

So it is clear that the way one benefits from the “Good News of Salvation” is by \_\_\_\_\_!

**Question:** Can one “Believe” the wrong way?

**Answer:** In James’ argument that “true faith” produces the fruit of works, (James 2:14-18) he reveals that even the demons “believe” and yet: they shudder!

(2:19)

WHY?

Therefore, there is a “Believing” that in the end will bring God’s condemnation! And there is a “Believing” that will save one from God’s condemnation!

So; What is “True Believing” that brings Salvation?

FIRST – it is the work of \_\_\_\_\_!

- Ephesians 2:8-9

BY \_\_\_\_\_! THROUGH \_\_\_\_\_!

- John 6:44

o God first \_\_\_\_\_ us!

- II Corinthians 5:17-19

o Who does this work of reconciliation? \_\_\_\_\_!

## *Believing's three "R's"!*

R\_\_\_\_\_!

- John 1:12 / 1 John 5:12

o Matthew 7:8

o Acts 19:1-5

o Romans 5:5

o Romans 8:16

R\_\_\_\_\_!

- Acts 3:19

- Mark 1:15

- Acts 2:38

- Acts 11:18



- Galatians 2:20

R\_\_\_\_\_!

- Acts 15:11

- Romans 8:1

- Titus 3:7

- Galatians 2:16

- 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

- 1 Corinthians 6:11

- Romans 8:30

Receiving, Repenting and Resting are all evidences of God's gracious work of reconciliation.

What is the Gospel?

(7 points)

1.)

2.)

3.)

4.)

5.)

6.)

7.)

Bonus: How do I benefit from this gospel?

First -

(Romans 3:23; 6:23)

Second - (Acts 16:31)

## Believing's 3 R's

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Assurance of our Faith!

Can we know we have True Faith?

Well the Bible seems to persuade us in that direction:

I John 4:15-17

- We can have a confidence on judgment day!

Philippians 2:12

- Experience the reality of our salvation in growing measures!

II Peter 1:10

- We should be diligent to make our calling (or salvation) sure! That is to be sure of it!~

So how can we know our "believing" is true?

Matthew 7:15-27

It is all in the \_\_\_\_\_!

**Romans 8:16** – *“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.”*

**Galatians 5:22-25**

- fruits of the Spirit

**|| Peter 1:4-11**

- Character of the Spirit

**John 15:1-11**

- If connected to Jesus and He to you, then you will bear fruit of that relationship!

**James 2:14-26**

- “Works” are a “fruit” of true faith!

*True Believing produces \_\_\_\_\_ from the Spirit of God!*

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- | John 5:10
- | John 3:10
- | John 2:4-6
- | Thessalonians 2:13

*True Believing produces \_\_\_\_\_!*

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- | Isaiah 66:2
- | Proverbs 1:7

*True Believing produces a \_\_\_\_\_  
at His threats!*

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- | Hebrews 11:6
- | Timothy 4:8

*True Believing produces a desire to \_\_\_\_\_  
for and \_\_\_\_\_ His promises!*

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One last thing:

True Believing is a process!

- Philippians 2:12-13
- Colossians 2:2
- Hebrews 5:13-14
- Romans 4:18-22

Hebrews 12:2 ~ tells us the key to succeeding in the process is to keep our eyes on Jesus the founder and perfecter of our faith!

Let's Review:

Write out the Gospel! Or, if you're feeling courageous  
Stand up, and just say it!

How does one receive the benefits of this Good  
News?

First –

Second –

3 aspects of believing and what they mean:

1.

2.

3.

What is the most reliable evidence that my believing is true believing?

## How do we benefit from the Gospel?

Well the Gospel is “Good News” that positively addresses the “Bad News” which is that I reject God and deserve His just punishment which is the fury of His wrath!

BUT, God in His love deals with my problem himself in the sending of His Son Jesus to die in my place.

And if I agree with God in reference to whom I am and what I deserve and believe in the accomplishments of Jesus on my behalf. The Bible says, I am saved from the condemnation of God and will enter into the Kingdom of God!

Now in addressing our question;

### How do we benefit from the Gospel?

Jesus says in John 3:5 – “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God”

And if you remember from last week in addressing the question; “How do we know if our believing is true?”



We learned it is most clearly seen by our "Fruit" for if we bear fruit of the Spirit of God we have evidence of being the Children of God!

So the first and most profound way we benefit from the gospel is that we receive the Holy Spirit of God in us!  
 || Corinthians 1:21-22 / Ephesians 1:13-14

### Benefit #1

Christians are \_\_\_\_\_ for and \_\_\_\_\_  
 by the power of God and \_\_\_\_\_ as  
 His because He put His Spirit in us as a \_\_\_\_\_!

### How are we Identified as Gods?

|| Corinthians 5:17

Galatians 6:15

| Corinthians 3:16; 19

Our bodies are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Holy Spirit!

### How are we Protected by the Spirit? (John 16:5-15)

- (16:8) The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_!
- (16:13) The Spirit \_\_\_\_\_!
- (16:14) The Spirit gives \_\_\_\_\_!
- o | Corinthians 2:9-16

How are we Provided for by the Spirit? || Peter 13-4

- The Spirit provides ALL things pertaining to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_!

HOW? - By Giving Gifts!

A Note about gifts: Revelatory and Non-revelatory.....

Romans 12:4-13

-Prophecy -

-Service -

-Teaching-

-Exhortation-

-Generosity-

-Leadership-

-Mercy -

The point and purpose of our Gifts are?

1 Corinthians 12-13

The Gifts of the Spirit manifest themselves in the body most clearly as evidenced in the fruit described in Galatians 4:22-23!

Romans 8:23 / Galatians 5:5

The Spirit is also a \_\_\_\_\_ of what is to come!

Another benefit is the Gospel itself says; we are  
SAVED!

Acts 16:31 - "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and  
you will be Saved!"

So what does it mean to "be Saved"?

- Luke 19:10
  - o You are Found!~
- Galatians 1:3-4
  - o You are Rescued!~
- Galatians 5:1
  - o You are Set Free!~

- Philippians 4:19
  - o You are Provided For!

How are these accomplished?

(FOUND)

Ephesians 2:1-5 By Grace, God opens your heart!

- Luke 15:11-32
    - o The Prodigal Son - (lost and Found!)
  - Acts 16:14
    - o God opened Lydia's heart to listen!
  - Acts 26:18
    - o God opens eyes to see and repent!
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(RESCUED)

Romans 6:23 - For the wages of sin is death, **BUT**  
the Free Gift of God is eternal life!

- Romans 8:1
    - o Rescued from condemnation!
  - Romans 8:35
    - o Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ!
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(SET FREE)

Romans 8:2 - For the law of the Spirit of life (has set you free) in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

- II Corinthians 5:17-21
  - o Reconciled back to God
  
- Galatians 4:3-7
  - o Bought from slavery/ adopted into God's family.
  
- Ephesians 3:12
  - o As His sons we have freedom to approach Him.

**(PROVIDED FOR)**

Philippians 1:6 He who began a good work in you ( will be faithful to complete it!)

- Matthew 10:29-31
  - o He protects!
  
- II Corinthians 1:3-4
  - o He comforts!
  
- Hebrews 12:10
  - o He disciplines!
  
- Psalm 16:11
  - o He gives us the fullness of joy!

**THEREFORE,**

How do we benefit from the Gospel?



We get \_\_\_\_\_!

## What is Evangelism?

Root word: \_\_\_\_\_ = ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

Three suffixes: (ical) – (ist) – (ism)

Evangelical –

John 13:34-35

Evangelist –

Ephesians 4:11

Evangelism –

|| Timothy 4:5

**Just to be clear! What Evangelism is NOT!**

It is NOT a matter of \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

It is NOT impressing your \_\_\_\_\_ views on another.

Galatians 6:14

It is NOT sharing your \_\_\_\_\_ in a way that merely tells others the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of your conversion.

Our testimonies must communicate the claim of the \_\_\_\_\_!

It is NOT the platform for \_\_\_\_\_

These are merely avenues to be used to evangelize!

Lastly, Evangelism is NOT the \_\_\_\_\_!

Acts 13:44-47

## Should we participate in evangelism?

- Luke 9:6
- Romans 15:20-21
- 1 Peter 3:15
- Matthew 28:18-20

## What should drive our evangelism?

- Mark 6:34
- Matthew 9:36

\_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_!

- John 14:15
- 1 Peter 2:12
  - o Motive here? \_\_\_\_\_!
  - o Wrought out of your \_\_\_\_\_ for God!



## Who is evangelism for?

\_\_\_\_\_!

Job 1:1 / 42:6

As Christians we are \_\_\_\_\_ that have been \_\_\_\_\_!

Therefore, we are \_\_\_\_\_! And in the process of \_\_\_\_\_! But not yet \_\_\_\_\_!

The Gospel is NOT just the starting point!

It is a \_\_\_\_\_ that must be continually resourced!

Philippians 3:4-11

Jesus says in Luke 9:23 – “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

Paul says “I die daily”

This is the meaning of Paul's words in Galatians 2:20

**So why don't we share the gospel?**

Three reasons, there probably are more!

1. You \_\_\_\_\_ it!

**But now you do!**

2. **They don't want it.**    || Corinthians 2:14

Fight this urge with Truth!

- || Peter 3:9
- Romans 10:14

3. **We Fear**

- Authority
- Relativism
- Radicalism
- Atheism

Conclusion: The \_\_\_\_\_ is the  
\_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_!

5 incentives to share the gospel!

Matthew 10:24-31

Main Point: \_\_\_\_\_!

1.

2.

3.

4.

5.

