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THE GOSPEL

& WHAT THE BIBLE HAS TO SAY ABOUT IT

HOW DOES THE BIBLE DEFINE THE GOSPEL?

The Bible uses the word "Gospel" throughout the Bible:

- * As a noun "gospel" _____ times
- * As a verb "preach the gospel", _____ times

There is a living God who made the heaven and the earth!

Acts 14:8-18

God is the _____ and He is _____ today!

But...the _____ is that He is the King of the universe...who is _____.

Romans 10:14-15

God's _____ is essential to the gospel.

- *The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe the gospel." Mark 1:14*
- *"I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." Luke 4:43*
- *Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him." Luke 8:1*
- *The law and the Prophets were until John; since then the good news of the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it." Luke 16:16*

Jesus: A Savior who is Christ the Lord

Paul opens the book of Romans making this very statement:

- *"Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David..." Romans 1:1-6*
- *It all came together when the angels announced Jesus' arrival on that first Christmas.*
- *"Fear not, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy and it shall be for all people. For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord."*

Luke 2:10-11

Christ _____ in Accordance with The Scriptures

- For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. "Mark 10:45"
- "Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you...For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures." 1 Corinthians 15:1-3

But there would be no _____ if Jesus had _____!

- “If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins.” 1 Corinthians 15:17
- *“For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.” Matthew 12:40*
- *“And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again.” Mark 8:31*
- *“Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.”*
(Mark 9:31; 10:34 and John 2:19)

The Gospel is not the _____ without the _____ of the Spirit.

- When John the Baptist preached the gospel, he emphasized that: “The Mighty One” would come after him, namely Jesus, and he would not baptize with water...but with the Holy Spirit!
- *“I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I, is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.” Matt 3:11*
- *“You know the Spirit of truth for he dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.” John 14:17-18*
- *The Holy Spirit is the down payment, the guarantee of the fullness of joy we will know in the perfected fellowship with the Father and the Son in the age to come. 2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5*

The Promise of Salvation for All Who _____

- “In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.” Ephesians 1:13
- “I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.” Romans 1:16

Salvation embraces all of the gospel promises

1. *The promise of healing*
2. *Help for the poor*
3. *Liberty for the captives*
4. *Peace*
5. *Eternal life*
6. *Global expanse*
7. *And the all satisfying vision of the glory of God.*

What the Cross Purchased makes the Cross Good News.

Matthew 4:23

Luke 4:18

The Good News of Peace with God and each Other

Acts 10:36

Romans 5:10

Ephesians 6:15

2 Corinthians 5:18

A key word in these passages is “peace”.

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The Good News promises Eternal Life

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Ephesians 2:14-18

- The effect or end result of this “peace” with God is eternal life.
- “God’s grace has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.” 2 Timothy 1:10.
- So..._____ is possible because of the _____ and _____ of Jesus
- ...and eternal life will be life with the risen Christ.

“In You Shall All the Nations Be Blessed”

- The _____ is for everyone on the planet!

Galatians 3:8 says, “The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, ‘In you shall all the nations be blessed.’”

- _____ of the nations happens through the gospel.

“The Gospel of the Grace of God.”

Acts 20:24: “I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”

The gospel is the good news of what God’s grace promises to sinners and how he achieves it through Christ.

- “it is no longer on the basis of works; otherwise grace would no longer be grace.” (Romans 11:6)
- “He chose us, in Him, before the foundation of the world...to the praise of his glorious grace.” (Eph 1:4 & 6)

God’s _____ is the ground of all _____.

Jesus’ Death makes God’s Gospel Grace Just

- The ultimate picture of God’s grace is given to us by the coming of , the suffering of and the death of Jesus Christ!
- “You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.” (2 Cor. 8:9)
- Jesus suffered and died “so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.” (Hebrews 2:9)

- *Since God is just, as well as gracious, he sent Christ to bear the just punishment for sin, so that he might “show God’s righteousness.”*
- *“It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.” (Romans 3:26)*
- God is just in being gracious in the gospel.

The Grace of the Gospel Is the Ground of Every Good Promise

- *“God called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace.” (2 Timothy 1:9)*
- *We _____ to that calling, not because our own will caused us to, but because God’s gift of grace enabled us to _____ the call, _____ the call, _____ to the call...and _____!*
- *“By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God.” (Eph 2:8)*

In the presence of his gracious gift of _____, God justifies us “by his grace” (Romans 3:24; Titus 3:7)...

- *...and forgives our _____, “according to the riches of his grace” (Eph 1:7)*
- *...and _____ us “through the grace of the Lord Jesus” (Acts 15:11)*
- *...and “makes all grace abound” to us for “every good work” (2 Cor 9:8)*
- *...and _____ us “by the grace of God” to work harder than we imagined we could (1 Cor 15:10)*
- *...and _____ “grace to help in time of need” (Heb 4:16)*
- *...and gives us “eternal comfort and good hope through grace” (2 Thess 2:16),*
- *...so that in the end “the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and Lord Jesus Christ.” (2 Thess 1:12)*

Every _____ that comes to us, comes on the ground of and by the power of God’s grace.

- *By _____ God sent his son to die!*
- *By the death of his son, Jesus, everything we could ever need or want to be eternally happy is ours!*
- *“He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?” (Romans 8:32)*

No _____ Thing In the Gospel is _____ Without the Final Supreme _____: God

- Collectively, all of these things are not what makes the gospel, finally and perfectly the “good news”.
- *The really good news that God is the Gospel is knowing and understanding and receiving and believing that God Himself is seen and savored in all His glory.*
- *These gifts, collectively culminate together for our benefit and for his glory for one reason and one reason only:*
 - *...that you and I might behold...forever...the glory of God in Christ,*
 - *and by beholding...we become the kind of person who delights in God...*

- *above all things...and by delighting in Him, we display His supreme beauty and worth with ever-increasing brightness and bliss...forever!*