

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

1. We are all sinners

- a. For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. – Romans 3:23
- b. Indeed, there is not a righteous man on earth who continually does good and who never sins. – Ecclesiastes 7:20
- c. All of us like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way... Isaiah 53:6a

2. There is an eternal price to be paid for sin

- a. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. – Romans 6:23
- b. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness. – Romans 1:18
- c. But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face for you so that He does not hear. – Isaiah 59:2
- d. Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die. – Ezekiel 18:4

3. Jesus Christ paid the price for the sin of those who truly believe in Him

- a. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8
- b. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son, that those who believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. – John 3:16
- c. But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved). – Ephesians 2:4-5
- d. Surely our grief He Himself bore, and our sorrows He carried; yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the chastening for our well-being fell upon Him, and by His scourging we are healed. – Isaiah 53:4-5

4. We must believe and accept Christ for salvation from our sin

- a. That if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. – Romans 10:9-10
- b. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. – I John 1:8-9

5. The consequences of accepting salvation in Christ include:

- a. We are set free from the penalty and power of sin in our lives.
 - i. For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. – Romans 8:2
- b. We receive the free gift of Christ's righteousness.

- i. Much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. – Romans 5:17b
- c. We are able to live transformed lives today.
 - i. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. – 2 Cor 5:17
 - ii. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. – Ephesians 2:10
- d. We have peace with God.
 - i. Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. – Romans 5:1
- e. We are free to spend eternity with God in heaven.

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying or pain; the first things have passed away.” Revelation 21:3-4