



What Is The Gospel?

It seems like a simple question but ask a number of people and see how many answers you get.

Some Answers We Might Hear

- The Four Gospels
- The New Testament
- The Bible or Word of God
- It is the “good news” of Jesus Christ
- Abraham heard the gospel
 - Galatians 3:8 *"The Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "All the nations will be blessed in you." "* (NASB95)
- As did those who heard the prophets of the O.T.
 - Hebrews 4:2 *"For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard." "* (NASB95)

Paul Explains The Gospel

- Paul defines the primary points of the gospel he preached, as the death, burial, resurrection, and appearance of Christ.

- 1 Cor 15:1-5 (NASB95)

- 1 Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand,*

- 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain.*

- 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures,*

- 4 and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,*

- 5 and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve.*

It Is The Power For Our Salvation

- Romans 1:9 *"For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son, is my witness as to how unceasingly I make mention of you, "* (NASB95)
- Romans 1:16 *"For 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. "* (NASB95)
- The Gospel is the message of the saving work of Christ, which is the gospel that Abraham and Israel heard.

The Gospel Reveals Eternal Life

- 2 Timothy 1:8-10 *"Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, "* (NASB95)

The Gospel Brings:

■ Salvation

- Ephesians 1:13 *"In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation—having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise,"* (NASB95)

■ Grace

- Acts 20:24 *"But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God."* (NASB95)

■ Peace

- Ephesians 6:15 *"and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;"* (NASB95)

■ Joy

- Luke 2:10 *"But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people;"* (NASB95)

So What Should We Do With It?

- Receive It, Believe It, and Stand In it
 - 1Corinthians 15:1-2
- Sacrifice Your Life For It
 - Mark 8:35
- Contend For It
 - Jude 3
- Don't Be Ashamed of It
 - Romans 1:16
- Preach It
 - Romans 10:11-14