

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

COSMIC REDEMPTION

The Gospel's scope is Cosmic, Communal & Personal. It is God's big story of redemption that encompasses everything!



CREATION

GENESIS 1 - 2

God created a good world in which He places humans as His representatives to care for and steward His creation and live in loving relationship with Him. God gave us everything we needed to flourish and we lived in harmony each other.



FALL

GENESIS 3

Humanity rebels against God by defying His will, desiring to define good and evil for themselves, they eat of the forbidden fruit and thereby break their perfect relationship with God and infect all of God's good creation with sin.



REDEMPTION

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17-21

God, in the fullness of time, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to redeem His fallen creation by reversing the curse of sin and restoring right relationships between God and humanity to those who put their faith in his finished work.



RESTORATION

ACTS 17:31 & REV. 5:10

God has set a Day on which He will judge the world and fully restore all of His Creation to perfect flourishing under His loving rule. Those who have trusted in Christ will be resurrected to rule and reign in His eternal Kingdom.

PERSONAL REDEMPTION



GOD

- The triune God of the Bible is the only God & Creator worthy of worship. (cf. Isa. 40:28; Deut. 32:39; Rev. 4:11)
- God is holy. (cf. Lev. 19:2; Exo. 15:11)
- God's Law shows us His holiness. (Exo. 20:3-17; cf. Rom. 7:12)
- God is the Righteous Judge of all. (Isa. 33:22; Psa. 7:11)



MAN/SIN

- All people have sinned. (Rom. 3:23)
- Sin is rebellion against God (Gen. 3:4-6; Rom. 1:21-23; Psa. 51:4)
- Sin shows our hearts (Matt. 15:19; Jer. 17:9)
- Sin brings condemnation, spiritual bondage and death (Rom. 6:16 & 23)



CHRIST

- Salvation isn't achieved by our effort, but by God's work through Jesus Christ. (Eph. 2:1-9; Rom. 5:6-11)
- God shows His love to sinners in sending Christ to pay for their sin (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8)
- Those who trust in Christ are forgiven and united to him (Rom. 6:4; Eph. 1:7; Acts 2:38)



RESPONSE

- Count the cost (Luke 9:23-25 & 14:26-33)
- Know that Christians belong wholly to God (1 Cor. 6:19-20; Gal. 2:20)
- Repent and Believe the Gospel (Mark 1:15; John 6:37; Rom. 4:18-21)
- Get baptized & join a church (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 12:12-13)

THE GOSPEL FREES US FROM SIN'S:

PENALTY



Sin incurs God's righteous judgement against sinners. Jesus Christ paid for all of a Christian's past, present and future sins on the Cross. There is no more need for Christians to do works of penance, or good deeds to try to 'out-weigh the bad' in order to be in right relationship with God. Jesus paid it all.

POWER



We were under the slavery of sin's power over our lives. We could not help but sin. Even our desires are corrupted. We were mastered by sin. But Jesus bought out from our slavery to sin and is the Christian's Master. By the power of the Holy Spirit, He gives us the power to conquer sin's grasp over us.

PRESENCE



Sin corrupted all of God's creation. Sin introduced death, sickness and all forms of evil to the world. We live with the effects of sin today in our lives. We still struggle with the sin that remains in us. But God is progressively removing the sinfulness from Christians, and will one Day remove all sin.