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## What Is The True Gospel?

Bible Study

### We have a Great Commission.

The risen Lord and Savior gave His Church the Great Commission just before He ascended.

“Go ye therefore, and *teach all nations, baptizing* them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: *Teaching them* to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”

Matthew 28:19-20

What three things did Jesus commission His Church to do?

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

### We preach a great Gospel.

The Apostle Paul defined the Gospel for us.

“I declare unto you the *gospel* which I preached unto you...how that Christ *died* for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was *buried*, and that he *rose again* the third day according to the scriptures...”

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

What three things did Paul say the Gospel includes?

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

The Apostle Paul also told us that the Gospel was powerful.

“...the gospel of Christ...is the power of God unto *salvation to every one that believeth*; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”

Romans 1:16

What did Paul say the Gospel had the power to do?

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

**We have a great God.**

Scripture is abundantly clear that God is eternal, infinite, all-powerful, all-knowing, always present, and never changing. He is absolutely holy, righteous, and just, as well as, good in the sense of His love, mercy, and grace.

What do we learn about God in the following verses?

Isaiah 40:28. He is our \_\_\_\_\_.

Colossians 1:16-17. He is our \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalms 19:14. He is our \_\_\_\_\_.

Isaiah 33:22. He is our \_\_\_\_\_.

Genesis 1 and 2 teach that God created mankind in His own image and commissioned him to multiply, replenish the earth and subdue it.

The Apostle John taught us why God created mankind.

**“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and *for thy pleasure* they are and were created.”** Revelation 4:11

Why did John say that God created mankind?

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

In the garden of Eden, God enjoyed daily fellowship with Adam and Eve and desired to continue that relationship with all their future offspring. But...there was a problem in Paradise!

**We have a great problem.**

God put ***one restriction*** on Adam, that he not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God warned that in the day that he ate of that tree, he would die – spiritually. Yielding to the temptation of Satan, Adam and Eve disobeyed God and sinned, ***bringing spiritual death upon the entire human race.***

**“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; *and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned...*”** Romans 5:12

What does the Scripture say the penalty of sin is?

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

**We suffer a great penalty.**

What do we learn about *man* from the following verses?

Romans 5:12. Man is a \_\_\_\_\_ by nature.

Romans 3:23. Man is a \_\_\_\_\_ by choice.

Isaiah 59:2. Man is \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

Romans 6:23. Man is condemned to \_\_\_\_\_.

The Apostle John warned of the penalty of sin called the ‘second death’.

“But the *fearful*, and *unbelieving*, and the *abominable*, and *murderers*, and *whoremongers*, and *sorcerers*, and *idolaters*, and all *liars*, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is *the second death*.” Revelation 21:8

What classifications of people did John warn of the ‘second death’?

1. \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_.
4. \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_.
6. \_\_\_\_\_.
7. \_\_\_\_\_.
8. \_\_\_\_\_.

**We are judged by a great standard.**

God gave man the Law, not to attain his own righteousness, but to bring him to Christ.

“Wherefore the law was our *schoolmaster* to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified *by faith*.” Galatians 3:24

To what does the Scripture compare the Law?

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

How does the Scripture say that man can be justified before God?

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

The Apostle Paul taught another purpose for the Law.

“...what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: **that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.**”

Romans 3:19

What two purposes did Paul say that God intended the Law to serve?

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

Reading Exodus 20:1-17, list the ten commandments which show us how we have sinned against a holy God.

1. “Thou shalt have no \_\_\_\_\_ before me.”
2. “Thou shalt not make unto thee any \_\_\_\_\_.”
3. “Thou shalt not take the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD thy God in vain.”
4. “Remember the \_\_\_\_\_, to keep it holy.”
5. “Honour thy \_\_\_\_\_.”
6. “Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_ (commit murder)”.
7. “Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_.”
8. “Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_.”
9. “Thou shalt not bear \_\_\_\_\_ against thy neighbour.”
10. “Thou shalt not \_\_\_\_\_.”

In the New Testament, Jesus interpreted these *actions* as *attitudes*. He compared *murder* with *anger*, *adultery* with *lust*, *theft* with *covetousness*, *lying* with *deceit*, and *coveting* with *pride* and *selfishness* (Matthew 5); these are the *heart attitudes* from which the *outward sins* come.

It is absolutely certain that, compared to God’s righteous standard of the Law and to the sinless example of Jesus Christ, **all men are sinners!** It is also certain that **no man** can be justified (saved) before God by keeping the Law.

“Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall **no flesh be justified in his sight**: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.”

Romans 3:20

**We have a great provision.**

The Apostle Paul told us that Jesus paid our sin debt on Calvary's cross.

“For he (God) hath made him (Jesus) to be *sin for us*, who knew no sin; that we might be made the *righteousness* of God *in him*.”  
2 Corinthians 5:21

According to this verse, what did God record to Jesus' account?

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

According to this verse, what did God record to the account of those who repent and believe?

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

God grants forgiveness of sin and eternal salvation to those who meet His conditions.

“...except ye *repent*, ye shall all likewise perish.”  
Luke 13:3

“But as many as *received* him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that *believe* on his name...”  
John 1:12

What three conditions do you observe in these two verses?

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

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

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

The Apostle Paul taught that we are not saved by our own works of righteousness.

“For *by grace* are ye saved *through faith*; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”  
Ephesians 2:8

What attribute of God makes the gift of salvation available to sinful men?

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

According to this verse, how do sinful men obtain the grace of God?

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

According to this verse, salvation is definitely NOT obtained by what?

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

**We have a great decision.**

God has endured this separation from men whom He has created, loved, and meant for His own fellowship and pleasure. But now He commands all men everywhere to repent! He has appointed a day when He will judge the world in righteousness, and He sent His Son, Who took our sins upon Himself, died in our place, was buried, and rose again.

Read Acts 17:30-31.

The Book of Romans gives us counsel on how to accept Christ as our Lord and Savior.

*“That if thou shalt **confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus**, and shalt **believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead**, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”*

Romans 10:9-10

*“For whosoever shall **call upon the name of the Lord** shall be saved.”*

Romans 10:13

What three things do these verses say that one must do to be saved?

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

What specifically must one believe in his heart?

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

Who does verse 13 say may ‘call upon the name of the Lord’ for salvation?

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

If you have completed this study and realize your need of salvation, why don't you call upon Him in prayer, by faith, right now? In prayer...**acknowledge** His righteousness, goodness, and authority over your life. **Acknowledge** your need of a Savior. **Acknowledge** that He has died for your sins and is risen again. **Repent** (change your mind) of your sinfulness and separation from Him. **Yield** yourself to Him as Lord and Savior. **Ask** Him for forgiveness and salvation. **Thank** Him for His great gift!

If you have yielded to the authority of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, let us know. It will be our joy to aid you in your newly found faith as you learn to walk with the Lord and serve Him.

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