

What is “The Gospel”?

1. What has it done for you?

2. What has it done to you?

Defined - the teaching or revelation of Christ., the record of Jesus' life and teaching in the first four books of the New Testament....AKA - GOOD NEWS!

So many people need help...

- a. **they are broken** – hurt, wounded, confused, and alone
- b. are **self destructive** – alcohol, drugs, sex, addictions
- c. **without purpose** – no self esteem, no life plan, never discovered their spiritual gifts or calling.

Luke 4:18...Isa 61:1 –

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,

It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. He was a friend of sinners!

1st have to understand the BAD news – Rom 3:23, 6:23

Jesus came to seek and saved that which was lost... if you aint lost, you cant be found.

Some wont admit that they are lost, just misplaced?

Where are we at? Where are we going?

Is the gospel for a few “select” Jews? Gentiles? Presbyterians? *

Only those who act right, think right, smell right?

It only applies to those who respond biblically, many reject the **bad news** and the **good news**.

Many are spiritual FOOLS:

Luke 12: ¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵ Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’¹⁸ “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’²⁰ “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Has the GOSPEL changed YOU?

1. your attitude?
2. Your concern for the lost?
3. Your consumer mentality?

What have you given up? ... what will you?

What do you believe now according to Gods word?

The demons believe and tremble... are you seeking truth, pursuing revelation from God?

How do we know? (as fruit inspectors) would their be enough evidence to convict you of Christianity?

What does your future plans look like in light of Eternity?

What are we willing and ready to GIVE UP? (SACRIFICE)

RESPONSIBILITY for? to? *(mature leaders move beyond their own needs)*

response = how will I respond?

ability = do I have the ability to do something

Is the “GOOD NEWS” what we want or what we need?

² Sam 18:24 While David was sitting between the inner and outer gates, the watchman went up to the roof of the gateway by the wall. As he looked out, he saw a man running alone.
²⁵ The watchman called out to the king and reported it. The king said, “If he is alone, he must have good news.” And the runner came closer and closer.

²⁶ Then the watchman saw another runner, and he called down to the gatekeeper, “Look, another man running alone!” The king said, “He must be bringing good news, too.”²⁷ The watchman said, “It seems to me that the first one runs like Ahimaaz son of Zadok.” “He’s a good man,” the king said. “He comes with good news.”²⁸ Then Ahimaaz called out to the king, “All is well!” He bowed down before the king with his face to the ground and said, “Praise be to the LORD your God! He has delivered up those who lifted their hands against my lord the king.”²⁹ The king asked, “Is the young man Absalom safe?” Ahimaaz answered, “I saw great confusion just as Joab was about to send the king’s servant and me, your servant, but I don’t know what it was.”³⁰ The king said, “Stand aside and wait here.” So he stepped aside and stood there.³¹ Then the Cushite arrived and said, “My lord the king, hear the good news! The LORD has vindicated you today by delivering you from the hand of all who rose up against you.”³² The king asked the Cushite, “Is the young man Absalom safe?” The Cushite replied, “May the enemies of my lord the king and all who rise up to harm you be like that young man.”³³ The king was shaken. He went up to the room over the gateway and wept. As he went, he said: “O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!”

ISA 30:10 –

They say to the seers, "See no more visions!" and to the prophets,
"Give us no more visions of what is right! Tell us pleasant things,
prophecy illusions.

We want a gospel that caudles us and lulls us to sleep

We need a gospel that wakes us up from spiritual death

We want a gospel that tells us what we want to hear

We need a gospel that confronts us with the brutal honesty

We want a gospel that gives us fire insurance from hell

We need a gospel that lights a holy ghost fire and burns away the sinful flesh

We want a gospel that serves our selfish happy, healed, prosperous, and blessed life

We need a gospel that drives us to anguish, and causes us to serve the lost, broken people

We want a gospel that gives us religion and self righteousness

We need a gospel that empowers us to abandon the security of our own good works

We want a gospel that is socially acceptable to all people groups

We need a gospel that divides satanic lies from life giving, unchanging truth

We need JESUS !