

The Gospel for Life – Week 1

Introduction

“How often does the gospel play a role in filtering your speech, in altering your behavior, in comforting you in sorrow, in strengthening you to endure suffering, and in fighting temptation?”

- Has Hebrews 5:12 led you to think that the gospel is only for new believers?
- 2 Peter 1:2-9 teaches us that a clear-eyed focus on the gospel is what enables us to grow in Christ.

Goals for this class

1. To become a more effective evangelist as a result of knowing the gospel better.
2. To grow in your love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
3. To have a more biblical perspective on personal suffering and crises in society.
4. To become better at being ambassadors of reconciliation.

What is the Gospel?

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 provides us with an historical summary of the gospel.

- Christ died for our sins.
- Christ was buried.
- Christ rose on the third day.

The Gospel starts with God

- Genesis 1:1
- Psalm 24:1
- Acts 17:24-27

- God is the Sovereign King of Creation
 - Psalm 104
 - Job 38-41
 - Isaiah 45:5-7
 - Isaiah 46:8-11

- God is the Law-Giver
 - Genesis 2:16-17
 - Romans 2:14-15

- God is holy
 - Exodus 15:11
 - Isaiah 6:3
 - Revelation 4:8

Man

- Created in God's image to be His vice-regents.
 - Genesis 1:26-27

- Chose to reject God and His word
 - Genesis 3:1-7
 - Acts 3:14-15

- Mankind is now spiritually dead and dies physically.
 - Romans 5:12
 - Colossians 1:21
 - Ephesians 4:17-19
 - Romans 3:9-18

- Humanity deserves the wrath of God due to sin.
 - Romans 2:5
 - Colossians 3:6

- There is nothing mankind can do to save itself.
 - James 2:10

- Romans 3:20

Jesus Christ

- He is God in the flesh
 - John 1:1
 - John 12:37-41
- He lived a perfect life
 - Hebrews 7:6
- He was betrayed, falsely accused, and condemned to death.
- He died a sacrificial, substitutionary death
 - Romans 5:6, 8
- He was buried, rose again, and ascended into heaven
 - Mark 15:46
 - 1 Corinthians 15:4-8
 - Acts 10:40
 - Acts 1:9
- He sits in heaven calling all people repent and believe on Him.
 - Acts 17:30-31

The Sinner's Response

- Believe
 - John 20:30-31
 - Romans 10:9
- Confess
 - Proverbs 28:13
 - 1 John 1:9
 - Romans 10:9-10
- Repent
 - 1 Thessalonians 1:9

Salvation

- Forgiveness
 - Colossians 2:13-14
- Justification
 - Romans 5:1
 - Philippians 3:9

The Christian Life

- Die to self and live for Christ
 - Luke 9:23
 - 2 Corinthians 5:15
- Be transformed and renewed
 - Romans 12:1-2
 - Ephesians 4:22-24
 - Romans 6:1-7

A taste of what is to come

- Ephesians 4:1; 5:1-2
- 1 Peter 2:21
- John 13:15
- Hebrews 12:1-2
- 1 John 2:6
- Philippians 2:5