

General Topics :: Do you know what the gospel is

Do you know what the gospel is - posted by deltadom (), on: 2012/2/18 20:19

I have been asking christians I know can you simply explain to me what the gospel is in a few sentences it is amazing how many christians simply do not know and how some do?

I would be interested to do a survey on here as I expect more people should know on this site

Re: Do you know what the gospel is - posted by Elibeth, on: 2012/2/18 21:40

Deltadom,

Please may I say this in all humility,

There are many gospels out there,...But there is ONLY ONE

True gospel. Jesus said, the gospel, is the gospel of the kingdom.

Anything else, is not the gospel according to Jesus. He said, " THIS GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM SHALL BE PREACHED UNTO or throughout THE WHOLE WORLD, AND THEN SHALL THE END be..

* John the Baptist
and

* Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom of God / Heaven

* Paul preached the gospel of the kingdom,...the principles of the kingdom and the things pertaining to the kingdom.

* as well as Peter, and the others

And why ?

Because,...where there is a kingdom ,...there is a King,...and that King, is Jesus. He comes in, by way of the Holy Spirit to rule,...be Lord in our lives.

' to be led by the Spirit of God.'

elizabeth

Re: , on: 2012/2/18 22:32

In a word, the Good News or Gospel is Reconciliation.

In order to reconcile man back to God, sin had to be dealt with once and for all. Enter Christ to bridge the gap, the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

The Good News is that God is not condemning anyone because Christ took our condemnation for us, NOW anyone who turns to God by trusting in Jesus and repents of their sin the beginning process of life has entered into that soul.

This is the simple gospel, the Genesis of life.

Re: Good News - posted by Sidewalk (), on: 2012/2/19 21:52

The gospel is good news, of course.

But relatively meaningless unless a person has been overwhelmed with bad news. Coaxing people to accept a Savior when they don't know they need one usually means the hard step has been skipped.

Convincing people that they are in God's eyes criminals bound for Hell prepares them for "The Good News."

Remember how Nathan the prophet helped King David come to grips with his bad news? I expect some time with God helped Nathan see that the direct approach would have only resulted in the lopping of his head. But the parable of the little ewe lamb prepared David for truth he was at first too blind to see. Thus we see Jesus using the same tactic- lots of parables and that familiar, "He that has ears to hear..."

There is the question of "What is the gospel?" and another is like unto it, "How can I get it into a person?"

Learn to tell stories!

Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2012/2/19 22:38

Oh yes, Sidewalk and Approved,

Jesus said, 'this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached,...it is His Words,...
So, is it not to him we always look ?

Thank you both,

It is truly ' good news' !

Isn't we so thankful ? Jesus' coming and the shedding of His Precious
Blood and to go and send back the Holy Spirit, the enabling power,...His ,...making a way, that we are to be ' led by His Spirit.....

Calling us into His Kingdom,...yes!, the gospel of the kingdom of God /heaven,... it IS the good news to / for us.

elizabeth

Re: - posted by jimp, on: 2012/2/20 4:58

hi, i owed a debt i could never pay, He paid a price He did not owe for me. jimp He bought me and now i am His.

Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2012/2/20 6:05

Oh Jimp,

Thank the Lord, for His marvelous, mercy.

elizabeth

Re: - posted by hoohouu (), on: 2012/2/20 7:34

"In a word, the Good News or Gospel is Reconciliation."

I'd have to agree with that. It's reconciliation and all that goes into it...being born a sinner deserving nothing but hell and God in His grace and mercy reached down pulled me out of the "mire clay" when I barely understood what He was doing . In the midst of my sin Christ died for me.

His plan was to reconcile me to himself after a lifetime of sin. God forgave my countless willful sins and cast them as far as the east is from the west.

Gospel is Christ and Him crucified. The Gospel is good news. The Gospel is a lost people being blessed with the knowledge of God.

The beautiful thing about the Gospel is that you could ask 100 different Christians to tell you what they think it is and you'd probably get 100 different answers. None of the answers would be wrong. The point is that Jesus was all things to all people. For those who need it He was peace and love. For those who need it He was a philosopher. For those who need it He was a hard man with a whip chasing out the money changers.

Sure, we can define the Gospel, but the bottom line is that the Gospel is whatever finally breaks through our hard heart. The Gospel is God calling us so that we're left with nothing but, "Abba, Father! Not my will but Yours be done!"

Re: Do you know what the gospel is - posted by Sree (), on: 2012/2/20 10:40

Gospel is - we who originally lived a life pleasing our sinful nature is called to be partaker of his divine nature. We are called not because of any work that we did but because of what Jesus Christ did on the cross and by the mercy of God he choose us. The divine nature of God is righteousness and Holiness. We are righteous as long as we are in Jesus. Holiness is imparted in us when we are obedient to Holy Spirit and bring forth Fruits for him.

What the Gospel / Christianity is Not - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/2/21 9:17

It is not Jesus plus our good works. (Titus 3:5)
It is not you keeping the law (Jewish or Christian). The law says, "I ought to, I should." (Galatians 2:21)
It is not religion—religion comes from the Greek word religare which means "to bind up, attach and to tie."
It is not morality.
It is not a mental assent—general information or knowing about.
It is not trying our best to be a good person.
It is not being baptized with water.
It is not belong to a certain denomination like Baptist, Catholic, or Charismatic.
It is not walking down an aisle and signing a card.
It is not being born in the USA.
It is not being born in a Christian family.
It is not a social program or social reform.
It is not, "God helps those who help themselves."
It is not you keeping the "Golden Rule."
It is not God helping us to be a good person.
It is not God helping us to overcome evil.
It is not Jesus walking along side of us.
It is not performance based acceptance.
It is not tithing our money in order to be blessed, instead of cursed.
It is not based on conditions such as: If I do, do, do; then I will be blessed, blessed, blessed.
It is not self-improvement.
It is not based on self-effort.
It is not self-generated righteousness.
It is not self-activity based on self-sufficiency.

Re: What the Gospel / Christianity IS. - posted by pilgrim777, on: 2012/2/21 9:19

It is personally receiving the Lord Jesus Christ simply by child-like faith, and not by understanding. (Act 16:31)
It is believing He paid the price of his blood, on your behalf, for the forgiveness of your sins. (Col.1: 14)
It is trusting in His precious blood, and knowing that His substitutionary death is enough for my salvation. (Rom.3:25)
It is knowing Him as your personal Lord and Savior. (John 3:16)
It is having a personal relationship with Christ. (Rev.3:20)
It is knowing the Holy Spirit. Born again of the H.S (John 3). Romans 8:11 if not H.S. your not his.
It is trusting that Christ lives in you, and you derive all righteousness from Him, for He is your righteousness. (Rom. 4:5)
It is knowing that Christ, not you, is the producer of righteousness. (Phil. 3:9)
It is knowing that you are in Christ, and He is in you. (John 14:20)
It is believing that when Jesus said on the Cross, "It is finished," then the total work of salvation was completed. (John 19:30)
It is believing that there is nothing for you to do to earn your salvation--it is a free gift of God's grace. (Eph. 3:8-9)
It is deliverance from sin which is available to us in the death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. (I Cor. 15:

3)

It is being delivered from the power of sin, our false self-life, and the curse of the law. (Rom. 6:14; Rom. 6:6; Romans 10:4).

It is an exchange of natures through the cross, not an improved law-bound human self. (II Cor. 5:21; Romans 6:6; II Peter 1:4).

It is trusting that you are dead, and now Christ is your only source of life and power. (Col. 3:3&4)

It is knowing that you are one Spirit with him and in a union-relationship with Christ. (I Cor. 6:17)

It is knowing that by His death we were reconciled, but by His resurrected Life we are delivered daily. (Rom. 5:10)

It is trusting that Christ in you is your only hope of glory. (Col. 1:27)

It is knowing that "it is no longer you that lives, but Christ lives in you." Gal. 2:20)

It is knowing that you have no power in yourself to maintain or keep yourself from evil. (Jude 24)

It is knowing that Christ has already overcome evil and will maintain your standing before Him, and keep you as He promised.

It is believing and realizing that you are "dead to the law." The law demands human performance. (Rom. 7:4)

It is believing that you are "dead to sin and alive to righteousness." (Rom. 6:11)

It is knowing that Satan is already defeated in you. Heb. 2: 14-15)

It is receiving this Good News by faith and rejoicing with exceedingly great joy.

Re: , on: 2012/2/21 10:05

Hi Pilgrim. Can you give the source of that compilation?

Thanks.

Re: Do you know what the gospel is - posted by Elibeth, on: 2012/2/22 22:12

Deltadom, And others on here , who are so dear,

May I explain a little clearer what I see the gospel is :

The Words of Jesus, all His preachings, ...the serious, sermon on the

Mount, ..except a grain of corn, fall to the ground and die, ..the golden rule, ...

False and true teachers, ...forgiving, ...building on the sand, ...vs on a rock, ..

My sheep hear My voice and they follow me, ...the ten virgins, five wise, ..five foolish, ...the Bread of life, ...sending His Spirit, ...the Holy Spirit back to us, ... (teachings of what the king expects in His kingdom) .

Jesus also say the way is narrow.

May I encourage you , to just start in Mathew ..(all the gospels, ..and then read all of Paul's letters to the churches, as well as the others, and we will see their teachings were the gospel a continuation of teachings, How to

Live under the Lordship of the A King,THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD, ..

or as Paul would say, ' the same gospel of Christ, ...

Please look up all the Words: ' gospel ' . ..'kingdom'

* in Him we live,(have Life) ..move, (led by the Spirit of God) and have our being, ..('Have our being ?)please,you tell me ?

elizabeth

Re: , on: 2012/2/23 1:09

So far i have seen nothing of the resurrection of Christ so I guess everyone here gets a smack down along with Franklin Graham in not presenting the gospel.

This is the gospel

1 Cor 15:1,3-4

'Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospelhow 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'

The death, burial AND resurrection of Christ according to the scriptures, on the behalf of sinners is the Gospel. Most of what has been put forth here thus far has been responses to the gospel, but not much has been the gospel. At least it has been missing the crucial resurrection.

'And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.'

OJ

Re: Joe, on: 2012/2/23 9:35

Brother glad for your post on the resurrection. But I don't see no one needs to be smacked down. These saints are sharing what their heart understanding of the gospel is. I have read their post and take heart delight in what they are saying. Even your post.

Blaine

Re: - posted by Elibeth, on: 2012/2/23 20:10

Bro. Joe,

The gospel,that was preached by these ,aforementioned Holy men,
Is an all incomposing,gospel.It consists of many things, and yet it is One .
It is the Whole counsel of God, for us.They talk / preach about:

- * 'The gospel of His grace...
- * The gospel of peace....
- * the Light of his glorious gospel...
- *The Truth of the gospel
- * your fellowship in the gospel...
- * The hope of the gospel...
- * obey not the gospel....
- * the Word of this gospel..
- * calls us by this gospel...
- * same gospel,that was preached to Abraham,...it was a faith thing,...hearing the Voice of God, believing it was the Voice of God, and obeying.

** It is things,that are taught,..and is teaching us,of how the King wants us to be/ live in His Kingdom,...

* the Lord has taught me,..that the kingdom of God,IS the resurrected Lord in us....and He comes in ,by way of the Holy Spirit,to rule,..be Lord, In this kingdom of God,....' Led by the Spirit of God '

* He draws us to His will,by His Grace,which is part of this complete gospel.When God,through His mercy and His Spirit reveals these things to us,...then the WHOLE WORD becomes ONE,...then (and please don't take this as harshly) but then one's cannot take a few verses,somewhere in scripture, and make different denominations out of a few verses,..It is all

One.

I do hope I am making ,this mystery of the gospel understandable.

Only for His Glory,and Honor,forever,
lovingly,
elizabeth

Re: , on: 2012/2/23 23:04

Hey Jimp, Thanks brother for reminding me of that old song we used to sing in Church,

"I owed a debt I could not pay, He paid a debt He did not owe. I needed someone to wash my sins away. And now I sing a brand new song, Amazing Grace.....Christ Jesus paid a debt that I could never pay."

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opgFgY4rnU4>

Re: , on: 2012/2/23 23:17

Elizabeth

Quote:

-----** It is things,that are taught,..and is teaching us,of how the King wants us to be/ live in His Kingdom,...

The gospel is so far from that as to be the antithesis of it.

Quote:

-----I do hope I am making ,this mystery of the gospel understandable.

The reality is that rather than making it understandable, you are actually confounding it.

If not required, definitely recommended reading on the subject.

<http://www.gotobible.com/HTML/whatisgospel.html>

"...the Gospel is not good advice to be obeyed, it is good news to be believed."

OJ

Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2012/2/24 1:38

The gospel is not about me

The gospel isn't for my happiness however the Gospel will make you happy should you realize your true state.

The Gospel is Christ Jesus.

The Gospel is Freedom from sin and bondage of the Law.

The Gospel isn't a bargain with God, its a gift freely received.

The Gospel is realizing you can't save yourself so in Faith you let Christ save you instead.

The Gospel is coming to a place of realizing you as a sinner are a natural enemy of God but instead of Justly destroying

you He mercifully desires to save you.

That is all for now I will add on as the Spirit leads :)

Re: Do you know what the gospel is , on: 2012/2/24 6:16

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Re: , on: 2012/2/24 8:07

Quote:

----- The Gospel is not about me.

Actually if it wasn't for us bro, there wouldn't be any reason for Christ coming.

For God so loved the world (you and me) that He gave His only begotten Son.

Jesus is the Good News yes, but Jesus does not require the Gospel, we do. So it is about us.

I have heard for quite sometime the cliché, "it's not about me, it's about Him".

Yes, He deserves all the glory and honour and praise, but it's the purpose as to why He came, to save us. The gospel is two fold. Jesus AND me.

We must not take away the importance of 'us' being in the equation.

Re: - posted by mguldner (), on: 2012/2/24 8:36

What I mean by it's not about me is, I am not the focal point of the gospel Christ is. Christ's did have the goal was to save me but His ultimate goal was to further Glorify the Father.

Re: , on: 2012/2/24 12:00

No need to explain brother. I know what you said the first time.

It's all summed up in this verse.

Revelation 19:1 And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God:

Re: Do you know what the gospel is , on: 2012/2/25 6:43

"But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel".

Hebrews 12:22-24

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2012/2/25 12:17

What is the fulfillment of This Gospel?

1 Peter 1:20-23 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

To Paul, the same revelation;

Colossians 1:25-29 Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, ((to fulfil the word of God;))) Even the mystery which hath been hid from ages and from generations, but now is made manifest to his saints: To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: Whom we preach, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom; that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus: Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

How? We were in the cup in the garden that Jesus drank according to the will of God. The death of the testator giving life to the new covenant in His Blood.

Galatians 1:20 Now the things which I write unto you, behold, before God, I lie not.

Galatians 2:16-20 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid. For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor. For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Christ in you the hope of glory; this is the fulfillment of the Gospel, In Christ.

In Him who did it all just to get us as sons' of the living God who is now our Father.

Phillip

Re: - posted by roadsign (), on: 2012/2/25 15:47

I appreciate seeing all the descriptions and verses that convey the enormous implications of the gospel. The following quotes especially caught my attention:

Quote:

----- The gospel ,that was preached by these ,aforementioned Holy men,

Quote:

----- I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers

These references address a current emphasis among theologians. Today evangelicalism is being criticized for emphasizing a merely "personal" gospel - when scripture emphasizes its corporate implications - not only as a local Body of believers, but much more than even that: God's grand plan for humanity which covers the entire span of scripture.

Quote:

----- What I mean by it's not about me is, I am not the focal point of the gospel Christ is. Christ's did have the goal was to save me but His ultimate goal was to further Glorify the Father.

Yes, and even more than Christ alone: It is the kingdom of God - the realm of Christ together with his redeemed people of all ages: "The mystery is that through the gospel the gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Jesus Christ." Eph. 3:6

When we keep this grand picture in the forefront - we will remember who we are and that keeps us on track. Also, we have VERY good news for our contemporary society. Today, the underlying societal angst is not agonizing guilt, as in the medieval ages, but emptiness, meaninglessness, and purposelessness. These insatiable needs are driving people to day to fill them in all manner of ways now familiar to us. The Gospel meets the most pressing needs in today's society - while pointing us ahead into eternity.

The gospel tells you who you are. It gives you an identity - as heirs of God's marvelous kingdom. The gospel gives people meaning and fulfilled living - not merely for today, but for eternity. The gospel gives a reason to be alive - and a sense of belonging - honorable sonship - together with the mighty cloud of witnesses. (Heb. 12) The gospel provides purpose and meaning and in that way helps his followers chart out a life walk which synchronizes with God's grand scheme.

The gospel is resurrection news for the kingdom! "Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready." Rev. 19:7

PS: I noticed a reference to Franklin Graham. That got me thinking: Perhaps he will remain forever on SI the icon of failure in adequately presenting the pearls of the Gospel before his interrogators (I'm referring to another thread); but I wonder if it is any better to accept merely a proclamation of a "personal" gospel - while overlooking the grand picture of God's covenant promise for humanity - and God's purpose for his called-out people.

Diane

Re: - posted by ArtB (), on: 2012/3/3 11:00

pilgrim777 posted on this thread on 2012/2/21 6:19:03

Great post Phillip. you have nailed exactly what the Gospel of Jesus Christ actually is by the many NT verses you quoted, each one saying the same thing: The Good News is not what we accomplished for ourselves by our efforts, but rather - We have become Christians by the will of God, WHO CALLS US, HIS SHEEP, by the FINISHED WORK on JESUS CHRIST ON the cross, WHOSE BLOOD CLEANSSES US FROM ALL OUR SINS - PAST, PRESENT, OR FUTURE. JESUS DID IT ALL FOR US ON THE CROSS.

Other comments this thread were good too.

You doubters may ask, what if you commit adultery, are you still saved. Of course you are still saved if you truly accepted the atoning blood of Jesus shed on the cross as the covering of all your sins. Christians are saved by the faith of Jesus and by their acceptance of the atoning blood of Jesus shed on the cross.

For the Christian, the Christian who commits adultery is still saved, he does not lose his salvation. I know of several good Christian Pastors who have committed adultery as Pastors. As Pastors of their church, they thought it would never ever happen to them. It was not a sin they would ever commit, so they thought this was true to the day they committed adultery. I learned this through a James Dobson Radio broadcast on adultery by clergy, his guests were several Pastors who had committed adultery. Today, they are still Christians, and to the best of my knowledge, they returned to being good Pastors.

Does this mean Christians can practice adultery with impunity? No! When you become a Christian, you receive the indwelling Holy Spirit, God in us. The Holy Spirit works in us continuously to transform our inner nature to be Holy and good before God. If you obstinate in a sin, The Holy Spirit may even hand you over to Satan for awhile until you see the errors and repent (change course).

Eternal life is God's GIFT to all who accept Jesus Blood as full atonement of all our sins, covering for all our sins, Past, Present, and Future. This we accept by Faith, though it be foolishness from the world's point of view, but God will not have it any other way.

Read John 3:14 - 16.

Jesus states: "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whoever believes may in Him have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believe in Him shall have eternal life."

God afflicted the sinful rebellious people of the Exodus with serpent bites, whose poison leads to death.

God instructed Moses to hold up his Serpents Staff for all to see, and to inform the people who were now in the process of dying, that whoever looks upon Moses Serpents Staff will not die, but rather, they will live.

And as Moses raised his serpents Staff, all who believed the word of God, regardless of how sinful they had been, looked at the Staff Moses were instantly healed and lived.

However those having not faith in God or Moses, and therefore chose in their disbelief to not look Moses Staff, they perished - they died in their sins, regardless of how few their sins may have been.

And as Christians, we have chosen to look upon Jesus who was held up high on the cross, for all to see, and by faith we believed Him, and accepted His blood as the permanent covering of all sins, past, present, and future. This is the good news of Jesus Christ!

"And, this is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

"If we say that we have fellowship with Him and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

"But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS HIS SON, CLEANSSES US FROM ALL SIN.

"IF WE SAY WE HAVE NO SIN, WE ARE DECEIVING OURSELVES AND THE TRUTH IS NOT IN US.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us all from all unrighteousness.

"If we say we have not sinned, we make HIM a liar, and His word is not in us."

i John 5-10

Truly Yours, though mostly God's,

ArtB

Re: Do you know what the gospel is - posted by robertsj, on: 2012/3/3 16:07

We are all unrighteousness, sinful and all have fallen short of the glory of God. We all have broken the commandments and laws of God. Because we have not kept the commandments and laws, the judgment, condemnation and wrath of God abides on us. God hates all those who do iniquity and thus making us children of wrath. No matter what we try to do to gain acceptance in God's eyes, God sees all our 'good works' as filthy rags. God is a righteous God and cannot simply look over our sins. He is the judge of righteous and all that is good. His divine, holy nature calls for justice. All men have fallen short of the glory of God and thus divine judgment must be handed out. We are destined to be cut off, cursed from God. The penalty for our sins is the eternal wrath of God, this is hell!

(Rom. 2:23, Prov. 5:5, Eph 2:3)

BUT GOD - The Good News.

God being rich in his mercy and having great love for us sent His Son Jesus to be a sacrifice (propitiation) on our behalf. Jesus stood in the place of our judgment and condemnation. He became the bearer of our sins and God the father judged, cursed His son and the infinite weight of God's holy hatred for sin, was poured upon His only begotten Son. Justice was poured out on the head of His son for our sins. When the Spirit of God raised Jesus from the dead, it was God's declaration that His sacrifice was sufficient for the atonement for our sins. Because of the work on the cross, God's wrath was appeased and now God can now extend an olive branch to men. It is a free gift, by faith not of our own good works or efforts, but because of what was accomplished on the cross. God redeems men, when men place their trust in His Son Jesus Christ and repent of their sins.

(Eph. 2:4, II Cor. 5:21, Rom, 3:25, Mat. 27:46, Gal. 3:10, Isa 53:10)

Sorry, more than a few sentences. I believe that the only person to truly speak/preach the Gospel is Jesus Christ himself! I feel that the Gospel is just too big and too grand for any mortal man to rap his head around.

Re: Do you know what the gospel is - posted by JFW (), on: 2012/3/3 22:26

While watching Zac Poonen's simulcast today this question was posed to and answered by him, very effectively. Because of the simple and concise nature of his response, this thread came to mind. His answer is offered here for edification as a mature fruit from a mature Saint.

"the Gospel is twofold and is complete in 1 verse; John 8:11"

"Neither do I condemn thee; go, and sin no more"