

Do You Know . . . Christ?

The Gospel Part 3 of 4

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What is the Gospel?

1. The Gospel **MUST** start with God as creator and our accountability to Him.

“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.” (Ro 1:18-21 NIV)

2. The Gospel involves humanity and their **REBELLION** against God.

“Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served created things rather than the Creator—who is for ever praised. Amen.” (Ro 1:22-25 NIV)

3. Jesus Christ is the solution to our **REBELLION** and paid the **PRICE**.

“But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—” (Ro 3:21-25 NIV)

4. Humanity **SALVATION** comes through responding to Christ and His work for us.

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1. Jesus is both fully HUMAN and fully GOD.

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin.” (Heb 4:15 NIV)

2. Jesus took on our PUNISHMENT.

“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.” (Isa 53:4-5 NIV)

3. Jesus’ death on the cross, PAID for our sin!

“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” (Mt 26:28 NIV)

4. Jesus HEALS us from our sin!

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.” (1Pe 2:24 NIV)

5. Christ was born, lived, died, and ROSE from the grave!

“And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.” (1Co 15:17-19 NIV)

Point to Ponder

Without Christ, there is no gospel! Jesus did the work, paid the price, and provided a way to find freedom from your sin, your oppression, your depression, your illness, from all of the things that trouble us in this world. This is our God, a living Savior, a just Father, and a present Spirit that is one God. Jesus’ action was His not ours. We don’t deserve what God did for us through Christ. We don’t deserve this savior we have been given. Yet Christ did it out of God’s amazing justice and love for us. Ponder Christ this week, next week we must respond to what God has done.