

# THE GOSPEL



## Understanding the Gospel

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'Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: 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, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve.'

*1 Corinthians 15:1-5*

## The Gospel unto Salvation

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'For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "The just shall live by faith."

*Romans 1:16-17*

The meaning of the word Gospel is "Good News". The Greek word for Gospel is "Euangelion" and it's found in about 74 places in the New Testament but in only 2 places in the Old Testament.

The Gospel is also translated as a "too good to be true" news. The Gospel is the power and the tool of God for the salvation of man. It is also through the gospel that God's righteousness is revealed, not our righteousness.

According to 1 Corinthians 15:1-5, this "news" is the news that; 1. Christ died for our sins. 2. Christ was buried. 3. He rose again on the third day. Everything about the Gospel is centred around this truth and the effect it has on us.

The Gospel doesn't focus on our flaws but on God's love. The Gospel doesn't focus on our sin even though it doesn't deny them but puts its focus on His forgiveness. The Gospel doesn't focus on condemnation but on we being accepted in the beloved.

The Gospel as stated in Romans 1:16 is the power of God unto salvation. This means that it through the message of Gospel that God brings salvation to His people. This salvation is an all encompassing process that spans all of time from the day we believe and are born again to the day Christ returns to take us home. It not only spans all of time, it also affects our entire being - spirit, soul and body.

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## Tenses of Salvation

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'Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; '

**Titus 3:5**

'For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. '

**II Corinthians 2:15**

'Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. '

**Romans 5:9**



### THE PAST TENSE OF SALVATION

Eph2:8, Tit3:5.

We have been saved from the PENALTY of sin. This speaks as salvation as a work finished in the past.

In this tense; The salvation of the believer is complete. It is an act not a process It admits of no degree or stages i.e. no one is saved more than the other. It is the tense where we say the believer possesses eternal life now and here, we are JUSTIFIED. Being justified God sees us "just as if we never sinned".

### THE PRESENT TENSE OF SALVATION

1Cor1:18, 2Cor2:15, Phil2:12, 2Cor3:18, Gal2:19-20.

Here, we are being saved from the power of sin. It is with reference to the present tense of salvation that Phil2:12 says "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling". Here the believer is to make effective the new life that God has implanted in his heart. In this tense of salvation we say the believer is SANCTIFIED.

### THE FUTURE TENSE OF SALVATION

Rom5:9, 1Thes5:8, 1Pet1:5

We shall be saved from the presence of sin. Salvation here is spoken as something that takes place in the future. Paul tells us in Rom8:23 what the future salvation is. It is the "Redemption of our body". This will take place in the resurrection of those who slept in Christ (1Cor15:52-56, 1Thes4:16) and in the rapture of those who are alive at the coming of Christ (1Thes4:17). It is here that the regenerated spirit will enter in the fruition of salvation.

Here the believer is GLORIFIED.

This is why the believer still dies even though Christ paid for the penalty of our sins. It is also why we still grow old because we are awaiting the redemption of our body.

## UNDERSTANDING RIGHTEOUSNESS

- I. The law was given to Israel not to make them righteous but to make them see their need for faith in Christ as the only way for God to be pleased with them. Rom3:20-31, Rom4:1-8, Gal3:10-14, Gal4:1-6, 2Cor3:4-10.
- II. Our redemption from the law is our redemption from sin. Rom6:14, Rom7:12.
- III. The covenant which the law was based has been abolished and at its place, we have a new covenant. Heb7:7-13.
- IV. Righteousness (God being pleased with us) is by faith not by the work of the law. Rom5:1, Rom10:1-6.
- V. Righteousness is a gift God imputes to our account because of our faith in Christ (it's like crediting our bank account). Rom5:17, Rom4:3, Eph2:8.
- VI. Righteousness is our nature. Having received the gift of righteousness, it's evident in our lives. 1Jhn3:7.

# assignment 3

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♥ **SCRIPTURE 3**

### QUESTIONS

- 1 State 5 scriptures that answer any of the questions/topics discussed and write and exegesis on them.

♥ **SCRIPTURE 1**

♥ **SCRIPTURE 4**

♥ **SCRIPTURE 2**

♥ **SCRIPTURE 5**