

Knowing, Living, and Speaking the Gospel

Lesson 3: Knowing the Gospel that Saves (Part 2)

Introduction

GOOD NEWS

CHRIST: What did Christ do?

Who is Christ?

- **God**

- *John 10:30, “I and the Father are one.”*
- *John 5:18, “This was why the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because not only was he breaking the Sabbath, but he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.”*
- *Matt 1:23, “Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel’ (which means, God with us).”*

- **Man**

- He achieved what we couldn't achieve – lived a perfect life.
- *Heb 4:15, "For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin."*

What did Christ Achieve?

- **Payment: Substitution**

- *Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."*
- *Rom 5:8, "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*

- **Restoration**

- *1 Pet 3:18, 'For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God ...'*
- God is the ultimate end

- **Resurrection**

- *Acts 2:32, "This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses."*
- Why is the resurrection of Christ crucial in the gospel presentation?
 - To affirm His deity.
 - To affirm His Lordship.
 - To affirm His power over death, sin and Satan.

- To affirm His sacrifice was acceptable – no need for another.
- To affirm His current rule and coming judgement.
- To affirm my rising again.

RESPONSE: How can we get back to God?

God is sovereign and man is responsible

- Sovereign – the new birth is a sovereign work of God’s grace (John 3:3-8).
- Responsible – we are ultimately accountable and responsible before God for our actions (Romans 1:18-32).

Repent and believe

- *Mark 1:15, “Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.’”*

Repent

- Turn from sin and turn to Christ.
- Repentance requires submission of the entire person of Christ, removing self from the throne and relinquishing that place to Christ.
- *Is 55:6-7, ““Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.”*
- Confess – To say the same things about sin that God does; to acknowledge His perspective on sin.

Believe

- Trust in Christ's saving work done on your behalf (Saviour) and submit to His ruling over you (Lord)
- **John MacArthur**, *"Repentance doesn't stop with a solemn recognition of sin. Nor is it merely a decision to trust Christ for eternal life, but a wholesale forsaking of everything else we trust and a turning to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour."*
- *Rom 10:9, "because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved."*
- Call to repentance
 - When an unbeliever understands the gospel, we must call him/her to repentance and belief!
 - They should:
 - (1) Agree with God that his/her sin deserves judgement
 - (2) Repent of all known sin
 - (3) Trust in Christ's saving work as Saviour
 - (4) Submit to Jesus as Lord of their life
- Believe or Reject, there is no other option
 - John 3:36, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him."