

PPT The Gospel of Christ
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are from the NKJV Bible.

Romans 1:15-16

“So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also. 16 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.”

What is “the gospel of Christ” that Paul refers to in this passage?

1. Declaration of Good News.

The Greek word translated “gospel” is *euaggelion*.: *eu* which means good and *aggelos* which means messenger.

A Different Gospel Perverts the Gospel of Christ

Galatians 1:6-9 “I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.”

The gospel of Christ is good news

- It brings lasting answers to all your problems.
- It delivers you from the bondage of sin.
- It sets you on a course that is for your highest good.
- It provides all things that pertain to life and godliness.
- It transforms your wants and desires so that they line up with God and His created purpose for you.
- It turns you from a pathway of self-destruction to a pathway of eternal life, joy, and peace.

John 10:10 “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly”

- Jesus characterized the devil as a thief set out to steal from you what is good and ultimately destroy you.

2. The Gospel is Good News about Jesus!

Paul opens 1Cor. 15 with these words, “Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you....” 1Cor. 15:3-4 “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.”

- The death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus are absolutely essential to the gospel.

1 Timothy 4:1 warns that in the last days “some will depart from the faith.”

2 Thes. 2:3 says there will come a “falling away” or an apostasy.

In Acts 3 Peter and John were on their way to pray at the temple and healed the lame man.

Acts 4:1-2 “Now as they spoke to the people, the priests, the captain of the temple, and the Sadducees came upon them, 2 being greatly disturbed that they taught the people and preached in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.”

- What upset them was the Name of Jesus!
- What upset them was the gospel, the good news of resurrection through Jesus.

When asked by what authority they did these things, Peter answered:

Acts 4:10-12 “...let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. 11 This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' 12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved....”

The Gospel of Christ draws a very clear line...

- Jesus is the answer that we will never compromise.
- Jesus is the essence of the gospel.
- The good news is that He died for our sins and rose from the grave for our justification.

Acts 4:17-19 tells us the rulers response to Peter’s answer, “But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.” 18 So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge.”

3. It is Power of God to Salvation.

When the true gospel is preached, the power of God is released in honor of what Jesus has done. The Holy Spirit bears witness to Jesus.

The Gospel is an Announcement of the Kingdom of God.

Matt 9:35 “Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.”

The term, “the gospel of the kingdom” = A kingdom is the Kings Domain. It is His realm of rulership and authority.

Matthew 3:2 "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"

- The rule of God has come. It is right here, right now (at hand).

Matthew 4:17 says that when Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

What does the rule of God look like? Matthew 9:35 "Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."

The gospel is good news because it declares the rule of God that supersedes the oppressive rule of the devil.

Every believer has the ability to manifest the supernatural in a miraculous way, and every saint is called to demonstrate the Gospel of the Kingdom, in addition to the Gospel of salvation, in their sphere of influence. Hamon, Bill. Prophetic Scriptures Yet to Be Fulfilled: During the 3rd and Final Reformation (pp. 255-256). Destiny Image. Kindle Edition.

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Salvation = Greek Word *soteria*, means to rescue or safety (physically or morally): deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.

This great salvation includes justification by faith; it includes the process and work of the Spirit in our sanctification, and ultimately it will consummate in our glorification.

From Suffering to Glory

Romans 8:16-19 "The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God."

Titus 2:13 "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ"