

THE GLORIOUS GOSPEL

#2 Inconvenient Truths

Review of Week 1...

- The Gospel was God's Idea *Rom 1:1; Rev 13:8; Acts 4:27; Gal 1:11-12*
- The Gospel is God's Plan for Reconciliation *Col 1:20-23; Rom 5:8-9*
- The Gospel is Primarily about a Person: JESUS *Mk 1:1; 2 Tim 2:8*
- The Gospel is Ultimately for God's Glory *1 Pet 3:18; 2 Thess 2:14*
- The Gospel Message has a Focal Point: A Cross *1 Cor 2:2; Gal 6:14*

THE GOOD NEWS!

Rom. 1:16 I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. ¹⁷For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

The Gospel is powerful enough to save people!

The Gospel is effective for all who believe it!

The Gospel reveals the way to obtain righteousness - by faith!!!

THE BAD NEWS

God's Wrath is **Real** and **Active** (1:18)

The Creator Holds Mankind Accountable for **Knowing Him** (1:19-20)

Mankind Continually, Foolishly Fails to **Glorify** God as **God** (1:21)

Mankind Continually, Foolishly Worships **Idols** Instead of the True Eternal God (1:22-23)

God's Righteous Wrath is Revealed through Removal of His **Restraining Grace** (1:24-28)

Mankind Knowingly and Willingly Engages in all kinds of **Sins** against God, Self, and Others (1:29-32)

God's Wrath and Judgment Extend not only to Sin-Soaked '**Prodigals**' but also to Self-Righteous, Judgmental, Hypocritical '**Older Brothers**' (2:1-5)

All Mankind Stands Before their Creator Totally **Guilty** of Sin (3:9-12,19)

THE NOW EVEN BETTER GOOD NEWS!!!!

Rom. 3:21 But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. ²²This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

1. God has made a right standing with Him possible through the marvelous plan of the Gospel
2. The Gospel declares that a right standing with God cannot be earned by law-keeping, but only through faith in Jesus Christ
3. This right standing is the result of being 'justified' by God, which is offered freely as a grace gift to all, no distinctions
4. This justification was purchased potentially for everyone by Jesus
5. The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross allows God to justify sinners while still remaining just Himself
6. Now God justly justifies ALL those who have true faith in His Son Jesus!

Memory Verse:

1Cor. 1:18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

YOUR GOSPEL STORY

Email the story of how YOU heard and responded to the Gospel of Christ, and how it has changed you (max two paragraphs) to sbenninger@enewlife.com or submit it online at www.enewlife.com. If you are comfortable doing so please give us your first name.

Bible Reading Plan

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Exodus 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Monday: Exodus 11 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday: Exodus 12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday: Exodus 13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursday: Exodus 14 | <input type="checkbox"/> Friday: Exodus 15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Saturday: Exodus 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday: Exodus 17 |

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