

THE STORY

The Gospel of Jesus Christ

The Gospel is the story of how God created the world and the people in it [Gen 1:1; Ps 148:5; Isa 42:5]

...and how mankind has and continues to rebel against God and reject His authority by sinning [Romans 3:23; 5:12,19].

Sin formed a barrier between sinful people and our holy Creator, preventing us from glorifying Him and delighting in Him as He deserves [Isa 59:2; Colossians 1:21; Romans 1:21-23]...

...and mankind instead became by nature children of wrath, deserving of eternal judgment [John 3:36; Romans 1:18; Eph 2:3].

The Gospel is the good news of how God wasn't content to leave it at that and in unfathomable love crafted a marvelous plan to reconcile mankind with Himself [John 3:16; Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:18-19]...

...and how that plan was carried out by a person, His Son Jesus, the only One Who could carry it out [Romans 5:8; Acts 4:12; Colossians 1:19-20]...

...and how Jesus came to our planet, lived the absolutely perfect life that none of us could live [I John 3:5; Heb 4:15]...

...then died on an old rugged cross, shedding His blood in payment for our sins [Romans 5:9; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:20-21; I Peter 1:18-19; 3:18].

Three days later the Father raised Jesus from the tomb demonstrating that He was satisfied with the Son's payment [Acts 3:15; 10:40; Isaiah 53:11].

Jesus then appeared to many people as proof of His resurrection [Acts 1:3; Romans 1:4; I Cor 15:5-8]....

...before ascending back into heaven and sitting down at the right hand of the Father, signifying that His redeeming work was finished [Eph 1:20; Colossians 3:1; Hebrews 1:3; 10:12]

RESPONDING TO THE GOSPEL...

The only appropriate, effective, God-honoring response to hearing that Gospel is to repent of our sinfulness and turn in faith to Jesus alone [Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21]...

...calling out to Him to save us [Acts 2:21; Romans 10:13].

He then takes our sins away, removing the barrier between us and God [Hebrews 9:26; Romans 5:10; II Corinthians 5:18]...

...and gives us the gift of His righteousness so that God then views us as righteous as His own Son [Romans 1:17; 5:17]...

...and freely, graciously grants us all the wonderful gifts of the Gospel, the greatest of which is Himself [Romans 8:32; Isaiah 40:9]!!!