SO, NOW WHAT DO I DO?

Lesson 2: Taking a Closer Look at the Gospel

Preaching the Gospel to the Saved

Most Christians see "preaching the gospel" as something only to non-believers. However, the gospel is also for believers! The gospel includes ALL the good news about Jesus Christ; all of what he accomplished in His death, burial and resurrection.

A. Paul considered it his calling/ministry to "preach the gospel".

1 Corinthians 1:17-18

For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to **preach the gospel**, not with wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made of no effect. 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.

Acts 20:24

But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

- B. Paul considered his teaching both initially and continually as "the gospel". Whether it was preaching to the lost, teaching the believers from house to house; or his letters which are now considered Scripture, all of what Paul taught was the gospel.
 - 1. Paul preached the gospel to the <u>believers</u> in Thessalonica.

1 Thessalonians 2:9

For you remember, brethren, our labor and toil; for **laboring night and day**, that we might not be a burden to any of you, **we preached to you the gospel of God**.

2. Paul longed to preach the gospel to the <u>believers</u> in Rome.

Romans 1:7

To all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be **saints**... 8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that **your faith** is spoken of throughout the whole world... 11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established— 12 that is, that I may be encouraged together with you by the **mutual faith both of you and me**... 15 So, as much as is in me, <u>I am ready to preach</u> the gospel to you who are in Rome also.

3. Paul equated the gospel with the word he preached to them.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Now I make known to you, brethren, **the gospel which I preached to you**, which also you **received**, in which also you **stand**, ² by which also you are **saved** (are being saved), if you **hold fast the word which I preached to you**, unless you believed in vain. **Romans 16:25**

Now to Him who is able to **establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ**, according to the **revelation of the mystery** kept secret since the world began.

- a. We are SAVED by the gospel.
- b. We RECEIVE the gospel.
- c. We are ESTABLISHED in the gospel.

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- d. We STAND in the gospel.
- e. We HOLD FAST the gospel.

II. Coming to Terms with the "Gospel"

- A. There is only one gospel, but different terms are used when referring to it. The "gospel" is most commonly referred to as "the" gospel. It is also called "the gospel of the kingdom", "the gospel of God", "the gospel of Christ", "Christ's gospel", "the gospel of His Son", and "the gospel of the glory of Christ". Paul also referred to the gospel as "my gospel" and "our gospel", "the message of the cross" "the gospel of peace", "the gospel of the grace of God", "the word of truth", "glad tidings of good things" and "the word of God".
- B. The gospel is frequently referred to as "the word of God".

Acts 8:14

Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had **received the** word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

Acts 11:1

Now the apostles and brethren who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God...

Acts 13:46

Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that **the word of God** should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of **everlasting life**, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

C. The gospel is the power of God. It is alive. It grows and multiplies. It discerns the thought of man's heart.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the **gospel** of Christ, for it is the **power (dunamis)** of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Acts 12:24

But the word of God grew and multiplied.

Hebrews 4:12

For the **word of God¹ is living and powerful**, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a **discerner** of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

D. Our gospel is a gospel of peace with God.

Ephesians 6:15

And having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

Romans 10:14-17

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? 15 And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written:

"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace,

¹ "The word of God" in this passage, when considered in its context refers to the "glad tiding of good things", the gospel.

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Who bring glad tidings of good things!"

16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel.

Colossians 1:21-22

And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has **reconciled** in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.

Romans 5:10

For if when we were enemies **we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son**, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be **saved by His life**.

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, 19 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

Colossians 1:19-20

For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

E. The gospel is "the word of truth".

Some have attempted to say that "grace" should be balanced with "truth", but actually they go hand in hand. The "gospel of grace" IS the "word of truth". Colossians 1:5-6

Because of the hope laid up for you in heaven, of which you previously heard in the **word of truth**, the **gospel** 6 which has come to you, just as in all the world also it is constantly bearing fruit and increasing, even as it has been doing in you also since the day you heard of it and understood the grace of God in truth.

John 1:14, 16-17

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of **grace and truth**... ¹⁶ And of His fullness we have all received, and **grace for grace**. ¹⁷ For the law was given through Moses, but **grace and truth came through Jesus Christ**.

F. The Gospel is the Gospel of God's Grace

Acts 20:24

But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.

Galatians 1:6

I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the **grace of Christ**, to a **different gospel**.

Acts 15:11

"But we believe that **we are saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus**, in the same way as they also are."

² You will find that the grace of God is so overwhelmingly wonderful that many teachers will try to "balance" grace with some form of law. Grace cannot be "balanced" for "the grace of God is entirely unbalanced…in our favor" (J.L. Hildebrand).

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Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

This gospel of the grace of God was foretold.

1 Peter 1:10

As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that would come to **you** made careful searches and inquiries.

This gospel of grace appeared.

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men.

The gospel of grace is spreading and bearing fruit.

2 Corinthians 4:15

For all things are for your sakes, so that the grace which is spreading to more and more people may cause the giving of thanks to abound to the glory of God.

III. The Gospel, The Whole Gospel, and Nothing but the Gospel

Usually, after someone is born again, instead of learning about the good news of what God accomplished through Christ, a discipleship course is recommended where the new believer is told "how to" be a good Christian through various "spiritual disciplines". Christianity is thus reduced to a formula for successful "Christian" living, and the good news, the gospel, of what Jesus Christ accomplished is overlooked or vanquished to a corner as a teaching only for the lost. Although this lesson cannot possibly include everything that was accomplished through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we do hope to demonstrate that the gospel includes everything that was accomplished by God through Christ and how this affects our lives as believers.

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you... 3 For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that

- 1. Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that
- 2. He was buried, and that
- **3**. **He was raised on the third day** according to the Scriptures.

THE DEATH, BURIAL, AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS IS THE GOSPEL. ALL THAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED BY CHRIST IS THE GLAD TIDINGS OF GOOD THINGS.

A. The Woeful Condition of Mankind

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1. When Adam transgressed all died and became sinners.

Romans 5:12

Through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned.

2. Man came under the domain of darkness.

Colossians 1:13

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

3. Although all of the human race became sinners through Adam's fall, individuals stand guilty before God for rejecting Him.
Romans 3:23

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

- a. The Jews because had the witness of the law and prophets (Rom. 2 & 3)
- b. The Gentiles had the testimony of nature and the law written in their conscience (Rom. 1 & 2).

"There is none righteous, no, not one;

11 There is none who understands;
There is none who seeks after God.

12 They have all turned aside;
They have together become unprofitable;
There is none who does good, no, not one."

Romans 3:10-12

4. God requires all to believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. John 8:24

Jesus said, "If you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins." John 3:17-18

"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. 18 He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. 19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

5. Man was without hope and without God.

Ephesians 2:12

At that time you were without Christ... having no hope and without God in the world.

6. Man could not save himself, and the law could not make Him righteous Romans 8:3-4

For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,4 that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

B. The GLAD TIDINGS of GOOD Things

1. God loved the world intensely³. He mourned over their wicked state. He longed to be in perfect fellowship with His creation and to bring them life. So, He sent His only Son to rescue us from darkness and bring us into His own kingdom. This is the good news. Through faith in Jesus Christ we stand righteous before Him.

Ephesians 2:4-5

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His **great love with which He loved us**, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved).

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life.

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

2. Through Adam's one act of disobedience man fell. Through Christ one act of obedience man can be made righteous through faith in Jesus as Lord.

Romans 5:19

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

3. God's offer of salvation is by grace through faith. We do NOTHING to earn it, not initially, and not afterward.

Ephesians 2:6-9

He raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast.

C. His Suffering and Death

1. The suffering and death of Jesus was predicted. As you take another look at this scripture, notice that what He accomplished on the cross not only brought salvation to the lost but also to us who believe in Him.

³ John 3:16, Ephesians 5:2, 1 John 4:10

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Isaiah 53

Who has believed our report?...
4 Surely He has borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows;...
5 But He was wounded for our
transgressions,
He was bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace
was upon Him,
And by His stripes we are healed.
6 ...And the Lord has laid on Him
the iniquity of us all...
8b For the transgressions of My people He
was stricken...

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief.
When You make His soul an offering for sin...
11 He shall see the labor of His soul, and be satisfied.
By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,
For He shall bear their iniquities.
12 ...Because He poured out His soul unto death,
And He was numbered with the transgressors,
And He bore the sin of many,
And made intercession for the transgressors.

2. Jesus foretold and fulfilled his suffering, death, and resurrection. Mark 10:33-34

"Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be **betrayed** to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will **condemn Him to death** and deliver Him to the Gentiles; 34 and they will **mock** Him, and **scourge** Him, and **spit** on Him, and **kill** Him. And the **third day He will rise again**."

Luke 24:24-27

Then Jesus said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." 45 And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

46 Then He said to them, "Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

3. Christ's death initiated the New Covenant and made obsolete the Old. Matthew 26:28

For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Hebrews 8:13

In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first (the old covenant) obsolete.

4. When Christ was beaten, we were healed.

1 Peter 2:24

Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

5. When He died, we died with Him⁴.

Colossians 3:3

For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

We are often taught that we need to die. NEWS FLASH!!!

We are

4 When Paul wrote that he died daily, he was referring to what he endured as a minister in the gospel
(1 Cor. 15:30-31).

We are
already dead.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me.

6. Through His death, we who were separated from God have been brought close to God. We have permanently entered the presence of God (the Holiest), and have boldness to come before the throne of grace to obtain mercy and grace⁵.

1 Peter 3:18

For Christ also **suffered** once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might **bring us to God**, being **put to death in the flesh** but made alive by the Spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:17

But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him

7. We have a personal relationship with God⁶.

Jeremiah 31:31, 34

"Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah... ³⁴ They will **not** teach **again**, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them," declares the LORD, "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."

- The words "they shall not teach" are emphatic in the Greek text. There are two negatives before the word "teach," which in Greek do not make a positive, but an emphatic negation. The construction speaks of that which will in no wise happen.-Wuest
- The word "again" means "again, repeatedly, still, more: again, all life-long". Knowing God is a benefit of the New Covenant. We all know God, from the least among us to the greatest.
- 8. When we died with Him, we died to the Law.

Romans 7:4

Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another—to Him who was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God.

9. When He died, we were forgiven and set free from sin.

Revelation 1:5

To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.

Romans 6:6-7

Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. 7 For he who has died has been freed from sin.

Romans 6:14

For sin shall **not have dominion over you**, for you are not under law but under **grace**. 1 1John 1:7

But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

10. When he died for us, He made us righteous.

⁵ Ephesians 2:13, Ephesians 2:4-7, Hebrews 10:19-22

⁶ Jeremiah 31:33, 1 John 3:1, 1 John 2:13, Romans 8:15-17, John 15:15

⁷ Unless otherwise stated, word definitions come from Strong's Concordance.

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Romans 5:19

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous.

2 Corinthians 5:21

He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

11. We have been given an eternal inheritance, and eternal redemption.

1 Peter 1:18-19

Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Hebrews 9:12

And not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained **eternal redemption**.

Hebrews 9:15

And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

12. His blood saves us from condemnation, judgment and wrath⁸.

John 5:24

"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has **eternal** life, and **does not come into judgment**, but has passed out of death into life." **Romans 5:9**

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be <u>saved from the</u> <u>wrath of God through Him</u>.

Romans 8:1

There is therefore **now no condemnation** to those who are in Christ Jesus.

13. By His Cross, we have been made holy, blameless, beyond reproach, justified, sanctified, and have been perfected forever.

1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

Colossians 1:21-23

Although you were <u>formerly</u> alienated and hostile in mind, engaged in evil deeds, 22 yet He has now <u>reconciled</u> you in His <u>fleshly body through death</u>, in order to present you before Him <u>holy</u> and <u>blameless</u> and <u>beyond reproach</u>— 23 if indeed you continue in the faith firmly established and steadfast, <u>and not moved away from the hope of the gospel</u> that you have heard, which was proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, was made a minister.

Hebrews 10:14

For by one offering He has <u>perfected forever</u> those who are <u>being</u> sanctified.

14. Jesus blood disarmed principalities and power releasing us from Satan's power and the power of death.

Colossians 1:13

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love.

⁸ 1 Thessalonians 1:10: 5:9

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Hebrews 2:14-15

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

Colossians 1:15

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it (the cross).

D. When he was buried, we were buried and set free from sin. Romans 6:4

Therefore we were buried (entombed) with Him through baptism into death, that **just as** Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

God placed us in Christ when He died so that we might share His death and thus come into the benefits of that identification with Him, namely, be separated from the evil nature as part of the salvation He gives us when we believe. We were placed in a new environment, Christ. The old one was the First Adam in whom as our federal head we were made sinners and came under condemnation. In our new environment in Christ we have righteousness and life. Our condition is changed from that of a sinner to that of a saint. - Wuest's Word Studies

E. When He was resurrected, so were we.

The death and resurrection is the gospel and what the early church taught⁹. Acts 4:33

And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

2. The resurrection declares that Jesus is indeed the Son of God.

Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of **God** ² which He promised before through His prophets in the Holy Scriptures, ³ concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4 and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

Without the resurrection there is no point to our faith.

1 Corinthians 15:14, 18-19

And if Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty... 17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! 18 Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. 19 If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable.

The resurrection of Jesus from the dead gives us hope of our future resurrection 10.

1 Corinthians 15:20-22

⁹ Acts 20:36-43, Acts 13:28-33, 1 Corinthians 15-8

¹⁰ 1 Corinthians 15:51-54

But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. 21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

We are born again by faith in the resurrection from the dead. Romans 10:9-10

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

1 Peter 1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

His resurrection gives life to our mortal bodies.

Romans 8:11

But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.

He has made us alive with Christ. ALL of our sins are forgiven. He nailed the law that was against us to the cross. He triumphed over principalities and powers!

Colossians 2:13-15

And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses, 14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. 15 Having disarmed principalities and powers. He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

We were crucified with Him so that He could LIVE in us and we could LIVE through Him.

Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.

His resurrection secures our justification.

Romans 4:23-25

Now it was not written for his sake alone that it (righteousness) was imputed to him (Abraham), 24 but also for us. It (righteousness) shall be imputed to us who believe in Him who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

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Who was betrayed and put to death because of our misdeeds and was raised to secure our justification (our acquittal), [making our account balance and absolving us from all guilt before God1.

10. The resurrected Christ makes intercession for us.

Romans 8:33-34

Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is he who condemns? It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us

F. When He ascended, we did also.

Ephesians 2:4-6

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

G. We have LIFE!

1. He is the bread of life.

John 6:35

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

2. His words are life.

John 6:63

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

3. We have life by believing in Him.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 5:24

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

John 6:47

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life."

4. He gives us life!

John 4:14

"Whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

Romans 5:10

For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son,

→ MUCH MORE, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Knowing the benefits of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is NOT a selfish pursuit.

Jesus Christ DESERVES that you will know and benefit from EVERYTHING He died and rose to give you. When you receive what He purchased for you with His blood, it brings the Father joy.

> We deserve NOTHING, but He gave and gives His all. He deserves for YOU to LIVE VICTORIOUSLY.

JOHN 10:10 I HAVE COME THAT THEY MAY HAVE LIFE, AND THAT THEY MAY HAVE IT MORE ABUNDANTLY.