

He said to them,
"Go into all the world
and preach the gospel
to every creature."

Mark 16:15

BEFORE WE PREACH THE GOSPEL,
WE MUST FIRST KNOW WHAT THE GOSPEL IS.

A. What is the Gospel?

1. "Gospel" means "good news", or as some commentators call it, "almost too good to be true news."

◆ The Gospel is the good news of the accomplishments of Christ death and resurrection.

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, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.

◆ It is the good news of God's reconciliation toward man.

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.

○ The "word of reconciliation" IS the gospel we preach.

◆ It is the good news of God's demonstration of His undeserved love and favor abounding toward you.

○ **John 3:16**

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

○ **Romans 5:8**

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

People who stand on street corners and yell at people about God's judgment and threaten them with hell for their sinful lives
are NOT preaching the gospel.

It is NOT good news that men will go to hell for not believing in Jesus.
It is good news that God is not holding their sins against them and that all those who believe in Him WILL NOT PERISH.

2. The Gospel is the good news of God's GRACE toward man resulting in salvation.

◆ Romans 1:16-7

*For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, for it is the power of God for **salvation** to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL LIVE BY FAITH."*

◆ Acts 20:24, 32

*"But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of **the gospel of the grace of God**. . . ³² "And now I commend you to God and to **the word of His grace**, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified.*

◆ 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.*

◆ Galatians 1:6 6 I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in **the grace of Christ**, to a **different gospel**.

◆ Titus 2:11

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

◆ 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.*

◆ 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.*

◆ 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.*

The Grace of God
IS the Gospel.

Grace: It's NOT "just" for initial salvation.

B. The Grace Salvation Package

1. TRANSLATED OUT OF DARKNESS INTO THE KINGDOM OF LIGHT

- **Act 26:15**

"And I (Paul) said, 'Who are You, Lord?' And the Lord said, 'I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. ¹⁶ 'But get up and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you; ¹⁷ rescuing you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, ¹⁸ to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.'

- **Ephesians 5:8**

For you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light

- **Colossians 1:13**

For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

- **1 Thessalonians 5:4-5**

But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;

- **1 Peter 2:9**

But you are A CHOSEN RACE, A royal PRIESTHOOD, A HOLY NATION, A PEOPLE FOR God's OWN POSSESSION, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

2. SATAN RENDERED POWERLESS OVER US

- **Hebrews 2:14-15**

Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

- **Colossians 2:15**

When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, ¹⁴ having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.¹⁵ When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

- **In the entire book of Romans, Paul does not discuss Satan. It's almost as if he is snubbing him. Then at the end of the book, he has one thing to say about him**

- **Romans 16:20**

And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen.

3. INITIAL AND CONTINUAL FORGIVENESS OF SIN

- **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."

- **Ephesians 1:7-8b**

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.

- **Your forgiveness is not in your confession or repentance, but in Jesus by grace through faith.**

- **1 John 1:7**

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

4. FREE FROM THE WRATH OF GOD

- **John 3:16**

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

- **Romans 5:9**

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. We are free from judgment of God

- **1 Thessalonians 1:10**

And to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, that is Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath to come.

- **1 Thessalonians 5:9**

For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him.

5. FREEDOM FROM JUDGMENT

- **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."*

6. ETERNAL REDEMPTION

- **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**.*

7. ETERNAL LIFE

- **John 3:36**

*"He who believes in the Son has **eternal life**; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him."*

- **John 6:40**

*"For this is the will of My Father, that everyone who beholds the Son and believes in Him will have **eternal life**, and I Myself will raise him up on the last day."*

- **John 6:47**

*"Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has **eternal life**.*

- **John 12:50**

*"I know that His commandment is **eternal life**; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me."*