

“GOSPEL”

Εὐαγγέλιον - Euangelion

The GOSPEL is the message of GOOD NEWS from
GOD to MAN

THE GOSPEL INVOLVES

A Person **JESUS CHRIST**
A Work **DIED and ROSE AGAIN**
An Accomplishment **FOR OUR SINS**
A Response **FAITH ALONE - BELIEVE**

Why is the Gospel Necessary?

A. The Gospel **IS** Necessary because...

Romans 1:16 *“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”*

2 Tim 1:10 *“but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,”*

B. **CALLED** by the Gospel

2 Thess 2:14 *“to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ”*

C. **BEGOTTEN** by the Gospel

1 Cor 4:15 *“For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet you do not have many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.”*

D. Paul **ENTRUSTED** with the Gospel

1 Tim 1:11 *“according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust.”*

E. We are **ENTRUSTED** with the Gospel

1 Thess 2:4a *“But as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel...”*

F. We must **GUARD** and **CONTEND** for the faith entrusted to us

1 Tim 6:20a *"O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust..."*

Jude 1:3b *"Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith..."*

G. Paul and '**WE**' must **STAND IN DEFENSE OF THE GOSPEL**

Phil 1:17 *"but the latter out of love, knowing that I am appointed for the defense of the gospel"*

H. How did Paul Stand in Defense of the Gospel?

Acts 13:39 *"and by Him everyone who believes is justified from all things from which you could not be justified by the law of Moses."*

I. We must **BE READY TO PREACH THE GOSPEL!** Paul Was!

Romans 1:15b *"...I am ready to preach the gospel to you who are in Rome also"*

Ephesians 6:19 *"and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,"*

1 Corinthians 9:16 *"For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!"*

J. We can **PREACH NO OTHER GOSPEL**

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, 7 which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 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 [b]accursed. 9 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.*

We are conducting a spiritual viewpoint questionnaire. Our goal is:

1. To gain a better understanding of what people really think and believe about spiritual issues.
2. To bring these spiritual issues to the forefront of people's minds for their consideration.
3. To become better acquainted with people and be available as an information resource in such matters.

Thank you for your time and consideration in these things.

Name(s):

THE QUESTIONS

1. Did you grow up with any sort of spiritual/church background?

2. Do you believe that

- there is one God (monotheist)
- there are many gods (polytheist)
- there is no God (atheist)
- I'm not sure (agnostic)

3. Do you believe that there are moral absolutes (a definite right and wrong in the world)?

4. Have you ever personally done something that you know to be wrong?

5. Are there any consequences for doing wrong?

6. What is "grace" - what does it mean?

7. Do you think there is a Heaven and a Hell?

8. What do you think your personal chances are of making it to heaven?

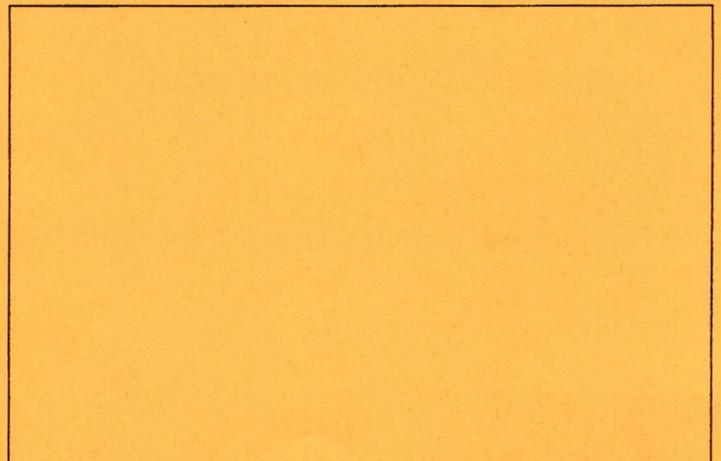
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| I am positively for sure going to heaven | (100%) |
| I probably will make it to heaven | (80-90%) |
| I hopefully will make it to heaven | (50-80%) |
| I might make it to heaven | (20-50%) |
| I have no chance at all of going to heaven | (0%) |

9. If you believe that you might go to heaven, why would God let you in?

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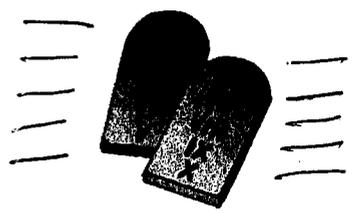
10. Would you say that heaven is a free gift or is it something you have to earn?

11. How important is the Bible when it comes to what you believe?

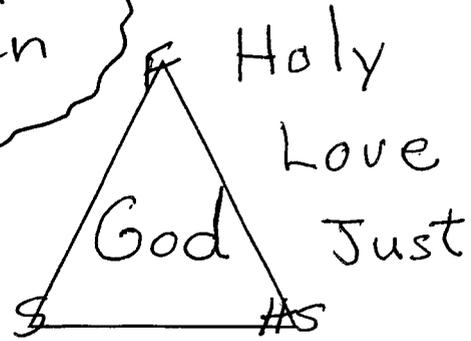


For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16



Holy Heaven



It is Finished
paid in full

grace
Faith
Believe
Trust
Rely

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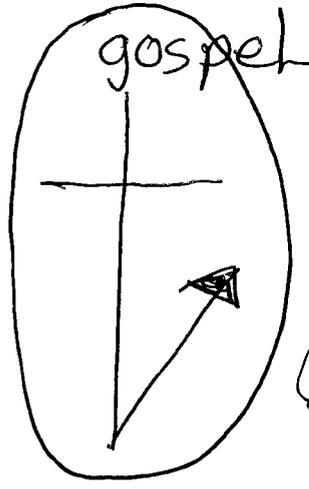
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3. H.S.
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good works

World

~~Baptism~~
~~good works~~
~~money~~
~~church~~

John 10:27
10:28
10:29

guilty
sinner
deserve death

Hell

John 2:1

“What must I do to be saved? So they said “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved.” (Acts 16:31)

Bad News

"Exalt the LORD our God, ... For the LORD our God is holy."

Psalms 99:9

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

Romans 3:23

"Your iniquities have separated you from your God."

Isaiah 59:2

"For the wages of sin is death."

WAGES: **DEATH**

Romans 6:23

Good News

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

Romans 5:8

"But we see Jesus . . . that He, by the grace of God might taste death for everyone"

Hebrews 2:9

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures. And ... He was buried, and... He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures."

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

"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 in the Spirit." 1 Peter 3:18

Response

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9

GRACE: **Undeserved Kindness**

"But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags."

Isaiah 64:6

"But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness."

Romans 4:5

Result

"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life."

1 John 5:13

"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 5:24

LIFE

"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name."

John 1:12

What condemns you?

"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."

John 3:18