

Exactly What is the Gospel?



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1. We are told that the word Gospel means “good news” (or good tidings) (Lu. 2:10, 11; Acts. 8:25).
2. Good news is in fact a “good message” or an account of something good. (2 Kn. 7:3-10; Pr. 25:25); Isa. 52:7; Isa. 61:1.
3. What is that good news, tidings or message all about? It is a message about beholding God. Isa. 40:9.
4. Why is there the need to behold God? Because, by this we can be qualified to be changed into the image of God (who is God Himself in us). 2 Cor. 3:18.
5. Basically, sinfulness hides God’s face from us, that we cannot see God spiritually. Isa. 59:1, 2.
6. So then that man in sins is without God and Christ. Eph. 2:12.
7. Christ (or the Word), is the only revelation of God. Jn. 1:1, 18; Matt. 11:27.
8. So that without the Word (Christ), no one can come unto the Father (the Divine Nature). Jn. 14:6-9.
9. Without Christ (or the doctrine of Christ) one cannot have God. 2 Jn. 9; 1 Jn. 2:23, 24.
10. Beholding God is important for man who is a creation of God. (2 Jn. 9; 2 Cor. 13:5).
11. God wants to be in the heart of man, for without God occupying that central idealistic position it will be filled with idols. And it is this that estranges man from beholding God, or having God in him. (2 Cor. 13:5; 2 Jn. 9); Eze. 14:3-5.
12. Again, man needs to behold God that he may have God dwelling in him. This can only be done through the knowledge or Character of Christ. 2 Cor. 4:4-7; (1 Tim. 1:11; 1 Jn. 5:18-21).
13. The Gospel or “good news” or “message” is the science of God unto salvation for sinners. Rom. 1:16.
14. What does the Gospel save us from? It saves us away from sin. (Eph. 1:13; 1 Jn. 3:5; Matt. 1:21; Ps. 103:12).
15. The way God designed the Gospel to work is the following:
 - a. The Gospel will be the Character of Christ or God. (Jn. 14:6; Col. 1:5; 2 Jn. 9).

- b. The Gospel will thus give a revelation of the Righteousness of God which is God Himself or the Divine Nature. (Rom. 1:17; Jer. 23:5, 6).
16. Repentance and believing the Gospel causes God to justify the person. (Mk. 1:14, 15; Acts. 13:39).
17. Justification is God giving the Righteousness of God (God Himself) into our hearts. (Rom. 3:24, 22; Jer. 23:5, 6; Ps. 40:10).
18. Thus, it is God, by this internal transformation; that motivates us to do the righteousness of the Law. (Phil. 2:13; Rom. 3:30, 31).
19. The following chart illustrates this.

GOSPEL
CHARACTER OF CHRIST
REVEALS THE NATURE
OF GOD (GOD HIMSELF)
CAUSES MAN TO DO
GOD'S LAW

20. Thus the Gospel is news – the Character of Christ that reveals the Nature of God to cause salvation away from sin (sinfreeness) to sinners. (1 Tim. 3:16; 2 Cor. 5:19).
21. The following chart illustrates this.

GOSPEL
(GOOD NEWS)
CHARACTER OF CHRIST
REVEALS THE DIVINE NATURE
CAUSES SALVATION AWAY FROM SIN
(SINFREENESS)

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