

# GOD'S Glorious Gospel

Isaiah 52:1-12

2 Corinthians 4:1-6; Luke 2:1-14

## Pressing Forward into 2022

- Our goals.
- What are we doing to pursue our goals?



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## Have We Become Dull of Hearing (Hebrews 5:11; 2:1-3)

### Is the Gospel GLORIOUS? OR Are You Blind? (2 Cor 4:1-6)

- (1 Timothy 1:11) The Gospel is GLORIOUS! “Glory” - “a great beauty, splendor, delight, wonderful, magnificent”
- (2 Cor 4:2) Not handling the word of God deceitfully, manifesting the TRUTH . . . in the sight of God. (Also see 2 Timothy 2:15)
- (2 Cor 4:3) Is **the glory** of the Gospel veiled or unveiled to you???
- (2 Cor 4:4) Blinded - lest the **LIGHT** of the gospel of the **GLORY** of CHRIST, who is the image of God, should **SHINE** on them.
- (v. 5) NOT ourselves, BUT **CHRIST JESUS the LORD** - ourselves bond-servants.
- (v. 6) GOD commands LIGHT! - The light of the **KNOWLEDGE** of the **GLORY** of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

### Definition of “Gospel”

- What is the definition of the Greek word for “Gospel”?
  - εὐαγγέλιον - “good news”; “message of victory” a message that brings joy
  - ★ The Gospel is a message of victory, freedom, hope, new life and joy for those who are “prisoners of war” and that victory was achieved by the King!
- Consider Paul’s quoting of Isaiah 52:7 in Romans 10:15. (See Isaiah 52:1-12 also see Nahum 1:15)
  - What is the good news?
    - CHANGE your CLOTHES!! (v. 1)
    - SALVATION - deliverance from then enemy and bondage! This salvation is of our God! (v. 2)
    - PEACE - this is peace with God! (Romans 5:1)
    - COMFORT for His people.
    - REDEMPTION - the ransom has been paid!
    - “YOUR GOD REIGNS!”

- Consider the angel's message to the shepherds in Luke 2:10-11.
- What the Gospel is NOT?
  - ✗ Not just Christ died, buried, resurrected. Some will quote 1 Corinthians 15:3-4! I underline the phrase, "**according to the Scriptures**".
  - ✗ Not just facts about Jesus Christ coming to the earth.
- What IS the Gospel?
  - ★ **BUT it, the GOSPEL, includes God (as He has revealed Himself), the Trinity, eternal covenant, Satan, eternity, holiness, election, predestination, God's love, God's hatred and anger, God's curse, grace, faith, kingdom of God, truth, sin, creation, history, incarnation, substitution, propitiation, crucifixion, resurrection, justification, calling of GOD, regeneration, forgiveness of sin, surety, repentance, denial of self, obedience, holiness, works, eternal life, eternal death, ascension, intercession of Christ, sanctification, providence, glorification, inheritance, sealing of the Holy Spirit, church, children of God, judgment, heaven, hell, new heaven and new earth.**
  - ★ These are NOT JUST doctrines to be studied. These are things God has accomplished and is accomplishing throughout ETERNITY through Christ Jesus to accomplish His purpose for His gospel.
  - ★ **Remove just one of these and you no longer have THE GOSPEL!**
  - ☆ Christ's command, "Go, **make disciple**, baptize them . . . ."
  - ★ Paul tells us that the gospel is the "power of God unto salvation" (Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:18)
- Where does one find out what the gospel is? (Genesis 1:1-Revelation 22:21; Romans 1:1-11)
- How did God, Paul, and an angel begin sharing the gospel? (Genesis 1:1; Acts 17:23-24; Revelation 14:6-7)
- Only one Gospel - Galatians 1:6-9.

## **Prelude to the Glorious Gospel in the Old Testament**

- (Luke 24:25-27, 44-47) "that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms concerning Me."
- (Luke 10:23-24; 1 Peter 1:10-11) The prophets inquired and searched carefully the grace that would come to God's people.
- (John 5:39) "You search the Scriptures, . . . these are they which testify of Me." (See also Acts 17:11)
- (Genesis 3:15) The first promise of a Saviour/Deliverer.
- (Genesis 6-8) Noah ark protection from God's wrath.
- (Genesis 12:1-3) God's promise that the nations of the world would be blessed by Abraham's seed (Seed). (John 8:56; Galatians 3:16, 19, 29)
- (Genesis 50:20-21) The life of Joseph. (Acts 3:26)
- (Psalm 2) "Kiss the Son lest He lest He be angry and you perish . . . blessed are all those who put their trust in Him."
- (Psalm 22) Crucifixion of the Messiah foretold.

- (Isaiah 53:1-12) The suffering of the Messiah for many.

## The Glorious Gospel in the New Testament

- (Romans 1:1) “the gospel of God” - revelation of God.
- (Acts 20:24) “the gospel of the grace of God” - grace: the power of God.
- (Mark 1:14) “the gospel of the kingdom of God” - King, Law, Servants, Nation
- (Mark 1:1) “the gospel of Jesus Christ”
- (2 Corinthians 4:4) “the gospel of the glory of Christ”
- (Ephesians 6:15) “the gospel of peace” - good news for enemies of God
- (Ephesians 1:13) “the gospel of salvation” - it good news for those in bondage.
- (Revelation 14:6) “the eternal gospel” (Ephesians 3:11)
  - The beginning of the Gospel of God begins in eternity past in the “mind” and “heart” of God Himself and extends to eternity future.
- (1 Timothy 1:11) “the glorious gospel of the blessed God”

## What Makes the Gospel Glorious?

- It is truth. (John 17:17; Psalm 119:142; 160)
  - ➔ In contrast to today! (Jeremiah 9:3; 5:1; 7:28; Isaiah 59:14)
- It brings us to God. (1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:16-18; 2 Cor 5:18-21)
- It makes God known to us. (John 17:2-3)
- It ushers us into a real relationship with God. (1 John 3:1-10; John 1:12-13; James 1:18; Ephesians 1:5)
- It reveals God’s great love for His people. (John 3:16; 1 Jn 4:9-10; Rom 5:8-10)
- It is God’s grace communicated to those who do not deserve any good from God. (Ephesians 2:7-10)
- It has the power to transform a sinner into a new creature. It works a supernatural miracle. (2 Corinthians 5:17; Rom 1:16; 5:8-10; 1 John 3:1)
  - ➔ It transforms us from being God’s enemies to God’s children!
  - ➔ It continually is transforming us into the image of Christ. (2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:16; Romans 8:29-30)
- It brings complete forgiveness of all sins! (Isaiah 43:25; 44:22; Micah 7:18-19; Acts 13:38)
- It declares us justified in the courts of God by bestowing on us the righteousness of Christ! (Acts 13:39; Romans 3:24; 8:30; 3:4; 5:1, 17-18)
- It brings with it hope and joy. (John 15:11; Rom 5:4-5; 8:20-24; 15:13; 1 Jn 1:4)
- It brings with it a promise of spending eternity in the presence of God. (John 14:1-6; Hebrews 11:9-16; 13:14; Romans 8:23-25; 1 Corinthians 5:1-7)
- All of its promises are “Yes” in Christ and are sealed by the Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 1:20; Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30; 2 Corinthians 1:22)

## We Do Not Speak but *Kerusso* the Gospel! (Mark 1:14-15)

- Christ’s example!
- To *kerusso* means to herald the message of the King to His people. A herald is

appointed to deliver the king's message with formality, gravity, and with all authority. It, the King's message, is to be delivered in such a way that it must be listened to and obeyed.

- Why do we *kerusso* the Gospel?
  - We "herald" a message from the King, the Lord.
  - We "herald" the message because of the seriousness of our call and the seriousness of the message.
  - It is a message of eternal life or eternal death.
  - It is a message of heaven or hell.
  - It is the ONLY message by which anyone can be saved.

### **What Is God's Ultimate Goal in His Gospel?** (Romans 16:25-27)

- To glorify Himself and His grace. (Ephesians 1:6, 7, 12, 14; 2:7; Romans 9:23-24; 15:8-9; Philippians 4:19; 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10; 1 Peter 2:9; 4:11)
- To save His people from their sins. (Matthew 1:21; John 1:29; Titus 2:14; 1 John 3:5; Revelation 1:5-6)
- His people to KNOW Him. (John 17:2-3; Jer 9:23-24; 31:33-34; 1 John 5:20)

### **Where We are Going in 2022**

- Unpacking this good news from God that began in eternity past, unfolded beginning with Creation, was worked out through all of history, climaxed with incarnation, life, death on a cross, resurrection of the Son of God, and takes us into eternity future to the new heavens and new earth.
- You will need to hear all these messages. Each message will build on the one prior.
- Next week Geoge will give us a broad overview of God's eternal purpose for His glorious gospel. (Ephesians 3:10-11)

### **Invitation or Command**

- (Mark 1:14-15) It is a command - a command of God's love for us, desiring the best for us.
- It is a command from a loving Father. (1 John 3:22; 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9)
- God commissioned and sent Paul to: 1) open eyes; 2) turn people from darkness to light; 3) deliver people from the power of Satan to GOD; 4) in order that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance. (Acts 26:15-18)

### **What Is the Only Acceptable Response to the Gospel?**

- **Repent** - Acts 20:21; Luke 13:1-5; Luke 24:47
- **Believe** with all your heart (mind, will, and emotions) - Acts 8:37; John 3:18, 36
- **Submit** to Christ as Lord - Romans 10:9-10; Psalm 2:10-12; Philippians 2:11
- **Work** - Ephesians 2:8-10; Acts 26:19-20; Titus 2:14; James 2:14-26
- **Glorify God** for all He has done, is doing, and has promised to do. (Psa 86:12)