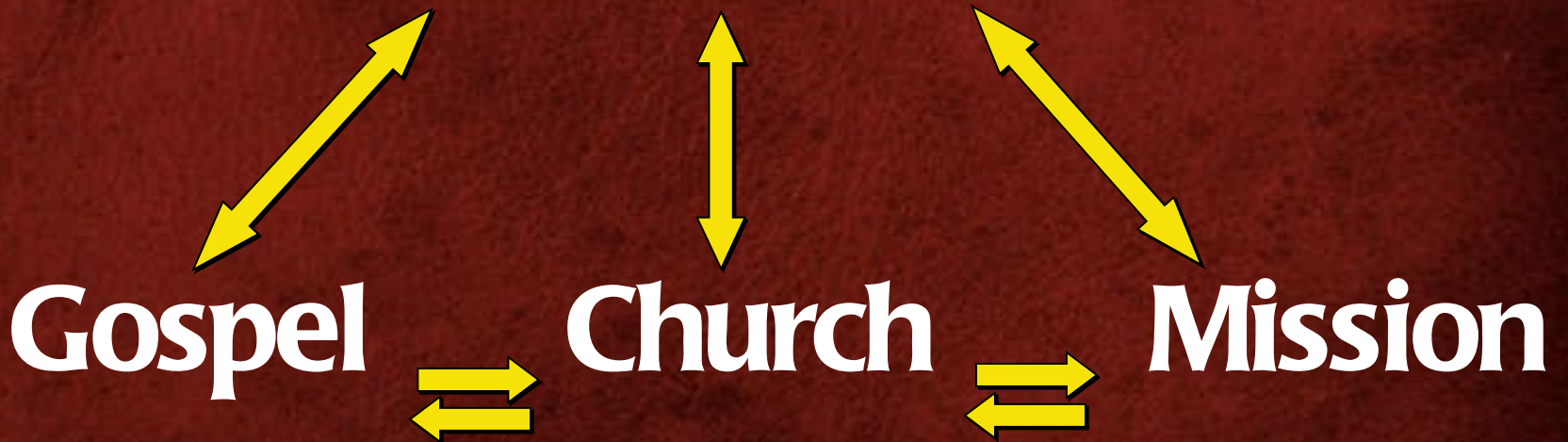


A large, leafy green tree stands in a field of green grass under a clear blue sky. The tree's roots are exposed and extend deep into the dark brown soil, illustrating the concept of growing deep. The text "Growing Deep in the Gospel" is overlaid in white, bold, serif font across the center of the image.

Growing Deep in the Gospel

The Big Picture

Jesus



Why is the gospel important?



The Gospel is Important

**Because it is the power of
God for the salvation of
everyone who believes.**

(Romans 1:16)

Four Aspects of the Gospel

1. Understanding the gospel
2. Living the gospel
3. Proclaiming the gospel
4. Defending the gospel

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Understanding the Gospel







Influences that Affect Us

1. Knowledge and understanding of God.
2. Knowledge and understanding of ourselves.
3. Knowledge and understanding of the culture and the times & spirit of our age.



Bible



Gospel



Jesus

A close-up photograph of a man with short brown hair and glasses, wearing a red t-shirt. He is looking slightly to the left with a thoughtful expression, his hand resting against his chin. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**What is
the
Gospel?**

Meaning of the word *Gospel* in Jesus' Day



Meaning of *Gospel* in Jesus' Day

The Greek word in the New Testament for gospel is *euangelion* and it means good news or good message.

At the time of Jesus it was not used in a religious context, but rather in the context of kings and war.









Meaning of *Gospel* in Jesus' Day

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:14-15

Descriptors of the Gospel in the Bible

again standing
Jesus walked by
declared. "Look!
Then John's two
Jesus
saw them follow.
asked them.
(which means
ng?"
It was about four
n they went with
oved there the rest

rother, was one of
hat John said and
irst thing Andrew
mon, and tell him,
(which means the

mon to meet Jesus
Jesus said, "You are
at you will be called
").
did to go to Galilee.
him. "Come, be my
pale. Andrew

2
The Wedding at Cana
The next day Jesus
wedding celebration
Galilee. Jesus and his
to the celebration
during the festivity
him about the prob-
wine," she told him.
4 "How does this
asked. "My time
5 But his mother
ever he tells you."
6 Six stone waterpots
they were used for Jewish ceremonial pur-
and held twenty to thirty gallons.
told the servants. "Fill the jars with
When the jar had been filled to the brim,
said, "Dip some out and take it to the
ceremonies." So they followed his instruc-
7 When the master of ceremonies tasted
water that was now wine, and knowing what
had come from (though he did not know who
knew), he called the bridegroom and
ally a host serves the best wine first."
8 Then, when everyone is full, Jesus
he brings out the less expensive
have kept the best until now."
9 This miraculous sign at Cana
Jesus' first display of his glory. And
believed in him.
10 After the wedding he went to



they believed both
because of the miraculous
Jerusalem at the Passover celebra-
people were convinced that he was
Messiah. 23 But Jesus didn't trust them, because
he knew what people were really like. 24 No one
needed to tell him about human nature.

CHAPTER 3 Jesus and Nicodemus

After dark one evening, a Jewish religious leader
named Nicodemus, a Pharisee, came to speak
with Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "we all know that
God has sent you to teach us, for your miraculous
signs are proof enough that God is with you."
Jesus replied, "I assure you unless you are born
again, you can never see the Kingdom of God."
4 "What do you mean?" exclaimed Nicode-
mus. "How can an old man go back into his
mother's womb and be born again?"
Jesus replied, "The truth is, no one can enter
the Kingdom of God without being born of
the Spirit." 5 Humans can reproduce
physically, but the Holy Spirit gives new
life. You can't be surprised at my

John the Baptist Exalts Jesus
22 Afterward Jesus and
lem, but they stayed
baptized there.
23 At this time John
Aenon, near Salim,
water there and
baptism. 24 This
prison. 25 At
argument w
deansing
said, "Tea
of the I
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Descriptors of the Gospel

Gospel

of God, God's, of the blessed God,

of the grace of God

of Jesus Christ Son of God, of Christ,

of our Lord Jesus, of His Son,

of the glory of Christ

of the kingdom, of peace, of your salvation

not man's, word of the gospel

Descriptors of the Gospel

Good News

kingdom of God

about Jesus

of peace through Jesus Christ

of a great joy

Descriptors of the Gospel

eternal

glorious

law of liberty

message of
reconciliation

message of
salvation

mystery of Christ

power of God for
salvation

wisdom of God

word of God

word of Christ,

word of the Lord

word of the cross

word of faith

word of life

word of truth,

word of the truth

Key Ideas We Learn

The Gospel originated with God, not man.

Means you can't pick and chose what you want to believe.

Key Ideas We Learn

If you believe what you like in the gospel, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.

Augustine

Key Ideas We Learn

The gospel is about Jesus.

Jesus brought the gospel into being.

No Jesus, no gospel.

Key Ideas We Learn

Romans chapter 1:

1 – gospel of God

3 – about His Son Jesus Christ

Key Ideas We Learn

It is a great joy- Do you know this joy?

It is God's wisdom – if you want to be wise, search it depths!

It is a word- something that is spoken-
Jesus spoke the creation into
existence- and it is the gospel spoken
that brings life!

The Gospel

vs

The Plan of Salvation

Plan of Salvation

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.”

Acts 2:36

Plan of Salvation

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Acts 2:37

Plan of Salvation

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:38

Jesus vs Paul

Kingdom vs Justification

Jesus vs Paul

Now after John was put in prison, Jesus came to Galilee, preaching the gospel of the **kingdom** of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the **kingdom** of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:14-15

Jesus vs Paul

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the gospel of the **kingdom**, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Matthew 4:23

Jesus vs Paul

21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through **faith** in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are **justified** freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Jesus vs Paul

25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by **faith**. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— 26 he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who **justifies** those who have **faith** in Jesus.

Romans 3:21-26

Jesus vs Paul

Kingdom vs Justification



Heart of the Gospel



Paul's Focus

For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

1 Corinthians 2:2

Paul's Focus

3 For what I received I passed on to you
as of first importance: that Christ died
for our sins according to the Scriptures,
4 that he was buried, that he was
raised on the third day according to the
Scriptures,

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Did Jesus Say This?

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:45

Did Jesus Say This?

Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Matthew 26:27-28

What is the Gospel?

Christ died for our sins and rose again according to the scriptures.



What is the Gospel?

The Gospel is the good news about Jesus

- 1. His Life**
- 2. His Death**
- 3. His Resurrection**
- 4. His Ascension**
- 5. His Return**

What is the Gospel?

1. The reign and rule of God has been restored.
2. Christ died for our sins and rose again according to the scriptures.
3. Our sins can be forgiven through faith in Jesus.

Focus of the Gospel Message

Since the heart of the gospel is Jesus
He should be the focus of the gospel
that we know and preach to others.

Basic Gospel Message Outline

- 1. Why we need Jesus – sin**
- 2. What Jesus did for us – the cross**
- 3. How we are reconciled to God through Jesus – repentance and faith**

Basic Gospel Message

Though we deserve judgment, hell and wrath because we turned from God, who is our Creator, to be our own gods, there is good news! God has provided the way for our sin to be forgiven so that we can be restored in our relationship with Him and become His children and live with Him forever in His eternal kingdom.

Basic Gospel Message

That way is through His Son Jesus, who became a man and lived a perfect, sinless life and then went to the cross where He paid the penalty for our sin. What we need to do in order to receive this salvation is to turn from sin back to God and place our faith in Jesus and all that He did for us.

Key Bible Verses

Psalms 136, 137

- 5 To Him who made the heavens with skill,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting; Gen. 1:1
- 6 To Him who spread out the earth above the waters,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 7 To Him who made the great lights,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting; Ps. 74:16
- 8 The sun to rule by day,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 9 The moon and stars to rule by night,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 10 To Him who smote the Egyptians in their first-born,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 11 And brought Israel out from their midst,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 12 With a strong hand and outstretched arm,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 13 For He said,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 14 For He said,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 15 For He said,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 16 To Him who said,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 17 To Him who said,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.
- 18 And slew the Amorites,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 19 Sihon, king of the Amorites,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 20 And Og, king of Bashan,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 21 And gave their kingdoms to Israel,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting;
- 22 Even to this day,
For His lovingkindness is everlasting.

Key Bible Verses

1. Mark 1:14-15
2. John 3:16
3. Romans 3:21-26
4. Romans 6:23
5. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4
6. 2 Corinthians 5:21
7. Colossians 1:19-23

The Gospel according to the Scriptures

- 1. Creation**
- 2. Fall**
- 3. Redemption**
- 4. Restoration**

My Outline of the Gospel

- 1. Eternity Past**
- 2. Creation**
- 3. Fall**
- 4. Redemption**
- 5. Restoration**
- 6. Eternity Future**



The Whole Gospel

1. Eternity Past

a. Nature of God

b. Character of God

c. Satan and the angels' rebellion



The Whole Gospel

2. Creation

- a. God is the creator of all things
- b. Creation of Adam and Eve in God's image
- c. Life before the fall



The Whole Gospel

3. Fall

a. What God commanded and why

b. Temptation by Satan

c. Consequences of sin

1. for Adam and Eve

2. for the rest of God's creation

3. for us today

4. for everyone on judgment day



The Whole Gospel

4. Redemption

a. God's love for us and His plan of salvation

b. Jesus

1. His nature as God-man

2. His life and ministry- never sinned

3. His sacrifice on the cross

4. His resurrection

c. What Jesus accomplished for us

d. How we receive this salvation through

Jesus



The Whole Gospel

5. Restoration

a. In the present- following Jesus
(sanctification)

b. In the future - kingdom of Jesus
(glorification)







The Whole Gospel

6. Eternity Future

a. New heavens and earth

b. Eternal kingdom of God



Reflection

A close-up photograph of a hand gently touching the surface of blue water, creating concentric ripples. The background is a deep blue, and the lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the water and the skin of the hand.

What would you write for a one sentence, a one paragraph and a one page definition/explanation of the gospel?

If someone were to ask you what the gospel was how would you answer them?

A large, leafy green tree stands in a field of green grass under a blue sky with light clouds. The tree's trunk is visible, and its root system is shown in a cutaway view, extending deep into dark brown soil. The roots are numerous and spread out, with some reaching quite deep into the ground. The text "Grow Deep!" is overlaid in white, bold, sans-serif font across the middle of the image, partially covering the tree's trunk and the soil.

Grow Deep!

Grow Deep!

What you do with the gospel and Jesus determines everything in your life including your eternal destiny.

Grow Deep!

Resolve to make the gospel the highest priority in your life and ask Jesus to empower you to do so day by day through the Holy Spirit.

Grow Deep!

Take the time to study, meditate and pray over the gospel on a regular basis so that you are continually growing in your understanding of it.

Grow Deep!

As you grow in your knowledge and understanding of the gospel take a hold of it by faith and learn how to live it out.

Last Word

**Take a hold of the gospel so
Jesus can take a hold of you.**

Oh, what joy for those whose rebellion
is forgiven, whose sin is put out of sight!
Yes, what joy for those whose record
the LORD has cleared of sin...

Psalm 32:1-2