

“THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST”

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TEXT: 11 Corinth. 4:3-7
The Lord placed this treasure in earthen vessels.

- The Gospel is the lens thru which **we see God**.
- To mar the Gospel is to deface **the portrait of Christ**.
- To veil the Gospel blinds the minds of **those we seek**.
- Your love & loyalty to the Gospel is **revealed by your love & loyalty to Jesus Christ**.

Ephesians 2:8-9 tells what the Gospel “is” and “is not”.

1. What the Gospel is:

- A. **“A Gift”** Rom. 5:15-17, 6:23
- B. **“By Grace”** Rom. 11:6
 - The Gospel must be **Free** or it is not the Gospel.
 - The Gospel must be **Forever** or it is not the Gospel.
 - Scriptures that says you have Eternal Life forever:
 - John 3:16, 5:24, 6:47, 10:28, 20:31
 - You cannot know that you really believe, until you can say “I have it, (Eternal Life)”.
 - A man cannot know he is saved, until he believes in Eternal Security.
 - Since the **Gospel** and **Eternal Security** is the same, If a person doesn’t believe in Eternal Security, they don’t believe the Gospel!
 - Example of **Water** in John 6:10
 - Example of **Bread** in John 6:28-35

2. “What the Gospel is not” “...not of works” Eph. 2:8,9

To trust in the commitment of a performance, (regardless of how small), constitutes works for salvation. Rom. 4:5

Therefore:

- A. Lordship Salvation, which teaches you must make Christ the Lord of your life to be saved, is not true. Mark 12:28-31 shows that this is law. This teaches you must **promise to start being good**.
- B. Repent of your sins, which is taught as turning from your bad deeds to be saved is not true. Luke 13:1
This teaches that you must promise to **stop being bad**.

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11 Cor. 8:9

Grace is getting a benefit from God, that I truly do not deserve.

Grace is one of the sweetest words in all of scripture. It means; “The **undeserving**, **unmerited**, and **unlimited** Favor of God.”

Grace is kindness for the unkind; love for the unlovable; and heaven for hell-deserving sinners.

Grace is God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense.

Mercy is not getting a punishment from God, that I truly deserve.

1. **“Moses brought Law, but Christ brought Grace”** John 1:17
The law was holy & spiritual, but couldn’t save. Rom. 7:12-14

2. **“We are the Objects of God’s Grace”**
Titus 2:11 “...Grace...hath appeared to all men.”

3. **“God is exceedingly Rich in Grace”**
Eph. 2:7 Grace is His kindness toward us now & forever

4. **“Grace is Greater than our Sin”**
Like having 1 million dollars to cover a \$5.00 debt.
Rom. 5:20 “Moreover the law entered, that the offense might abound (seen for what it is). But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound (seen for what it is).”

5. **“Grace is always Abounding”**
Rom. 5:15 Grace abounds from one to another, and is extended to each and every newborn. No one is left out.

6. **“Salvation is only by Grace (work of Christ on the Cross)”**
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7. **“Grace is also Sufficient for living the Christian Life”**
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2. **Heaven** tells of the greatest splendor ever imagined.
3. **Hell** tells of the greatest horror that ever produced fear in a man.
4. This story involved the greatest number of people (the world).
5. It was 4000 years in the making. It is still being told.
6. It is the greatest love story ever told.
7. The putting of Christ to death was the greatest display of wickedness ever recorded in human history.

Romans 1:16-18

8. **THE GREATEST PROMISE ever given.....Gal. 3:8**
God promised that the heathen (lost people) would be justified by faith; by believing that the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ was for them.

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It condemned the whole world.

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Still even today; the two greatest events of the year are Christmas & Easter. The fulfillment of the Father's promise was dependent upon the Son's obedience to the Law. Even death.

11. **THE GREATEST EVENT in human history was the cross.**
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 - John 8:12-18“I am the light of the world”
Christ testimony was rejected, but said that His Father would speak for Him.
 - John 8:26-28.....My Father will tell you who I am.
 - Matthew 27:45The Father says you are the light of the world.
The world became dark.
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