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Worship Schedule

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Are You a Christian?

**Do you know what you must
do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17

Believe – John 8:24

Repent – Acts 17:30

Confess – Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21

Live Faithfully –

Revelation 2:10

Got a Bible Question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text, email, or message the Facebook page. Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

The Park Street Informer

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Those Fighting Cancer: Barbra Hook, Drew Shinn, Kim V and Loren Hall.

Prayer List

Mike Katosh, James Jones, Sandra and George Rowell, Tina Thomas, Millie Robertson, and Brandon Hall

Shut-Ins

Ted Thrasher, Debbie McGuire.

Upcoming Events

Fellowship Meal April 21st

Our Spring Gospel Meeting with Brendan Carr April 21st – 24th

OABS Lectureship May 3rd – 5th

Birthday

Billy Butts 23rd

Passage to Ponder: Luke 4:18-19

¹⁸The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

¹⁹To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

Gospel Meeting

Sunday Bible Class.....The Nature of the Gospel
A.M.....Jesus The King
P.M..... Jesus The Servant
Monday.....Jesus The Perfect Man
Tuesday.....Jesus The Son of God
Wednesday.....Jesus the Lamb

The Nature of the Gospel

Brendan Carr

To say that there is a gross misunderstanding of the gospel is a colossal understatement. Some of this misunderstanding can be laid at the feet of simply not knowing what the word “gospel” means and how it is used within the Bible. The word “gospel” simply means “good news/message”. This word can be used in a general sense such as is used in Hebrews 4:2, wherein the writer calls the words spoken to the generation of Israelites that fell in the wilderness the gospel, as in they heard good words and decided to disobey. There is also a specific use of this word, as is found in 2 Thessalonians 1:8, where the Greek literally says, “the gospel” meaning a specific and definite good message. This specific gospel is undoubtedly the gospel of Jesus Christ (cf. 1 Corinthians 15:1-8). There is also a vast belief that gospel is only contained within Matthew through John. However, if we simply take the basic meaning of the word, “good news”, and reflect on it with our mind on the entire Bible, we can see that the entirety of Scripture is the gospel

Those To Serve

April 21st, 2024

Morning Worship

Announcements

George Thomas
Song Leader
Zac Hall

Opening Prayer

Steve Phillips
Preside

Ed Hanson

Assist

Ron Campbell

Closing Prayer

George Thomas

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

Ron Campbell

Closing Prayer

Ed Hanson

Lord's Supper

Zac Hall

Wed. April 24th, 2024

Song Leader

Ed Hanson

Invitation

Gospel Meeting

of Jesus Christ not long after creation we read of the first Messianic prophecy (Genesis 3:15); in the midst of Israel's history we read of a prophecy of His death (Isaiah 53); the New Testament opens with the Christ coming to the world (John 1:45); the Bible closes with the promise of His return (1 Thessalonians 4:13ff). Yea, the entirety of the Bible is the gospel! With that understanding, this article is going to concisely cover the 1, 2, 3's of the gospel to help us understand some basics of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

#1: There is ONE BENEFACTOR. A benefactor is "someone or something that provides help or an advantage: one that confers a benefit" (Merriam-Webster's Dictionary). It is undoubtable that the greatest benefit conferred upon mankind is the ability to obey the gospel. Part of obedience to the gospel is believing in the Benefactor of salvation – Jesus the Christ. After His birth, there was Anna a prophetess that "spake of Him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem" after the Christ child was presented at the temple (Luke 2:38). At the beginning of His ministry, John the immerser proclaimed, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). Jesus Himself said, "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; **but that the world through Him might be saved**" (John 3:17; emp. added BC). There is a plethora of other verses that teaches the benefit that Jesus the Christ brought into the world. It is imperative to note that Jesus is the only benefactor of salvation. Acts 4:12 says, "Neither is there salvation in any other: **for there is none other name** under heaven given among men, **whereby we must be saved**" (emp. added BC).

#2: There are TWO BENEFICIARIES. A beneficiary is "a person of thing that receives help or an advantage from something: one that benefits from something" (Merriam-Webster's Dictionary). Just as there is one that bestows the benefit, there are those that receive the benefit bestowed. The two beneficiaries are not individuals but rather types of peoples. Paul put it this way, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; **to the Jew first, and also to the Greek**" (Romans 1:16; emp. added BC). In other words, the gospel is bestowed upon all of mankind (Galatians 3:28). As the Scriptures say, it was to the Jew first because they were God's chosen people – the people through whom the Messiah came. It is sad how a majority of the Jews rejected the Messiah and the invitation was offered to the Gentiles (Acts 10:34). This invitation was not because the Jews rejected Jesus, because this was foretold to happen, even in the days of Abraham, "and in thee shall **all** families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:3; emp. added BC). Paul wrote to the churches of Galatia, "But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as *the gospel* of the circumcision was unto Peter" (Galatians 2:7). The gospel is for all men (Titus 2:11), but salvation is only given to those that obey (Hebrews 5:9).

#3: There are THREE BYWORDS. A byword is another word for "saying" or "adage". The gospel proclaims three different adages in relation to the Christ. Everything before Matthew through John follows the adage, "The Christ is coming!" The Messiah is spoken of in future tense. It began in Genesis 3:15, where the Scriptures contain how sin entered the world, and the first prophecy of the Messiah to bring complete forgiveness of sins. How can one know it is a Messianic prophecy? The passage reads, "And I will put enmity

between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel" (Genesis 3:15). There is only one person to have ever lived that was only of the seed of woman (Isaiah 7:14) – Jesus the Christ (Luke 1:27). The latter half of the prophecy foretells of the death of the Messiah, where Satan thought he won (i.e., "bruise his heel"); however, Jesus resurrected thus defeating Satan (i.e., "bruise thy head"). The second adage is found in Matthew through John, "The Christ is here!". Remember what the Samaritan woman proclaimed to her city, "Come, see a man, which told me all things that ever I did: is not this the Christ" (John 4:29)? We have already referenced Philip telling his brother Nathanael that they have found the Christ (John 1:45). The third saying is, "The Christ is coming again!" Some may not consider that part of the gospel; however, for the child of God that is good news! Revelation 14:6-7 says,

"And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, **having the everlasting gospel to preach** unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, **Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come:** and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters" (emp. added BC).

Certainly, part of the gospel message is the promise of His return wherein the saints rejoice. As Paul wrote to Titus, "**Looking for that blessed hope**, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ" (Titus 2:13; emp. added BC). My friends and dear brethren, Jesus is coming again!

In conclusion, the gospel message is the message which we must preach to the whole world (Matthew 28:18-20)! Many overcomplicate the gospel, many undermine the gospel, and few preach the pure gospel of Jesus Christ. Let us preach the pure gospel!