

THE GOSPEL AND MAN'S RESPONSE

The central message of the Bible is the “gospel,” the good news about Jesus. God demands that all men respond rightly to the gospel. In order to do so, we must understand our desperate need, the gospel itself, and how we must respond.

GOD REVEALED

1. Why is God to be worshipped in **Revelation 14:7**?

2. What God deserve as our source of being according to **Romans 11:36**?

3. Read **Deuteronomy 6:5**. What does God demand of all people?

4. How do people fail to give God glory?

THE SINFULNESS OF MAN

In a moment we will look at what the Bible calls “good news.” For there to be *good news*, there must have first been some *bad news*.

1. How does **Romans 1:18-23** say humanity has responded to God's self-revelation and demand for glory?

2. How does **Romans 3:23** explain human sinfulness? How much of humankind is implicated in this sinfulness?

3. How does **Ephesians 2:1-3** describe people who disobey God and live for pleasure?

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The “Gospel” of the Bible is God's “good news.” Paul explains it most fully in **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**.

1. In v. 1, what history does the Corinthian church have with this “gospel” or “good news” of Paul?

2. In v. 2, what is the gospel doing in the lives of the Corinthians?

3. What does it mean to “believe in vain” (v. 2)?

4. Where did Paul get this gospel, according to v. 3?

5. Who is the subject of the gospel in v. 3? What did he do? Why?

6. Read **Philippians 2:5-11**, **2 Corinthians 5:21**, and **Romans 3:23-25**. How do those passages connect with “Christ died for our sins”?

7. Back in 1 Cor 15, what else did Christ do, according to v. 4?

8. Why does Paul say what he does in vv. 5-8, and what does that tell us about the actual *history* of Christ’s saving work?

MAN’S RESPONSE

How should man respond to the good news of salvation through Christ?

1. Read **Titus 3:5**. This scripture explicitly says that we are *not* saved by what? _____

2. How does **John 3:14-15** say we are saved?

3. How does **Acts 2:41** say first Christians’ responded to the gospel?

4. What two words in **John 1:12** describe the way we become God’s children? _____

5. What two words are used in **Acts 20:21**?

Repentance and faith are two sides of the same coin. Repentance turns from sin and all false “gods” to the true and living God. Faith receives the salvation that comes from God through Jesus Christ.

6. What word does Jesus use to call people to himself in **Luke 13:1-5**?

7. What does John want his readers to know in **1 John 5:13**?

8. Do you know that you have eternal life? How do you know this?

For more on receiving salvation through Jesus Christ, read John 3:1-21.