

The Gospel is Good News

John 3:16

But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Luke 2:10

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

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1. The Gospel is truthful about mankind—

that we are _____.

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. John 3:17

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned— Romans 5:12

Even from birth the wicked go astray; from the womb they are wayward and speak lies. Psalm 58:3

I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Romans 7:18-19

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. John 3:19

2. The Gospel presents positive news about God—

for God so _____ the world.

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*The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they display knowledge. **Psalm 19:1-2**
There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard. Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. **Psalm 19:3-4***

*For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. **Romans 1:20***

*The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." **Psalm 14:1***

*He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the hearts of men; yet they cannot fathom what God has done from beginning to end. **Ecclesiastes 3:11***

The God to whom you are accountable is full of mercy and grace.

He wants to be _____ to you.

*"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. **Matthew 23:37***

God is not just a God of love. He is a God of _____.

*This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. **1 John 4:9-10***

*You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **Romans 5:6-8***

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3. The Gospel is hopeful news about eternity.

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The strongest drive in the heart of every person is the will to _____.

*Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”
John 11:25-26*

*Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. **John 14:6***

*We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **2 Corinthians 5:8***

*If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men.
1 Corinthians 15:19*

*But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.
1 Corinthians 15:20-22*

4. The Gospel hope is contingent upon our _____ in Jesus Christ.

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*Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.
1 Corinthians 15:1-2*

*For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, **1 Corinthians 15:3-4***

*and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. **1 Corinthians 15:5-6***

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. **John 14:1-3***

*That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. **Romans 10:9***

*For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. **Romans 10:10***

*What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? **Romans 6:1-2***

*Or don’t you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. **Romans 6:3-4***

*If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. **Romans 6:5***

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