

# The Glorious GOSPEL

Isaiah 52:1-12

Galatians 1:1-10; Ephesians 3:1-13



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## Pressing Forward into 2023

- Knowing and Doing the Will of God
  - ★ ONLY those who DO the will of God go to heaven! (Matt 7:21)
  - ★ ONLY those who DO the will of God are in His family (Mat 12:50)
  - ★ ONLY those who DO the will of God have eternal life. (1Jn 2:17)
  - ★ Those who have been born again now live their lives for the will of God. (1 Peter 4:2)
  - ★ (Eph 5:15-17) We are called to understand what the will of God is.
  - ★ (Luke 4:4) God's will for us is to live on every Word that comes from Him.
  - ★ (Col 1:9-11) We are to pray for each other that we will be filled (*pleroo*) with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding, in order that, we may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him . . .
  - ★ (Col 4:12) We are to pray that we all stand complete and perfect in all of God's will.
- Being Church and doing EVERYTHING TOGETHER. (Romans 12:4-5)
- Catechism/Memory/Meditation
- Prayer for REVIVAL.

## Is the Gospel Glorious?

- (1 Timothy 1:11) The Gospel is GLORIOUS! "Glory" - "a great beauty, splendor, delight, wonderful, magnificent"

## Definition of THE GOSPEL

- What is the definition of the Greek word for "Gospel"?
  - εὐαγγέλιον - "good news"; "*message of victory*" a message that brings joy"
  - ★ The Gospel is a message of **victory, freedom, hope, and joy** for those who are "prisoners of war" and that victory was achieved by the King!
- Consider Paul's quoting of Isaiah 52:7 in Romans 10:15. (See Isaiah 52:1-12 also see Nahum 1:15)

- What is the good news?
  - **SALVATION** - deliverance from then enemy and bondage! This salvation is solely accomplished by our God!
  - **PEACE** - this is peace with God! (Romans 5:1)
  - **COMFORT** for His people.
  - **REDEMPTION** - the ransom has been paid!
  - **“YOUR GOD REIGNS!”**
- Consider the angel’s message to the shepherds in Luke 2:10-11.
- **What the Gospel is NOT?**
  - ✗ Not just Christ died, buried, resurrected. Some will quote 1 Corinthians 15:3-4!
  - ✗ Not just facts about Jesus Christ coming to the earth.
- **What IS the Gospel?**
  - ★ BUT it, **the GOSPEL, includes** election, predestination, love of God, hatred of God, sin, creation, history, incarnation, substitution, propitiation, crucifixion, resurrection, justification, regeneration, forgiveness of sin, surety, repentance, denial of self, obedience, ascension, intercession of Christ, sanctification, providence, glorification, inheritance, church, judgment, heaven, hell.
  - ★ These are NOT JUST doctrines to be studied. These are things God has accomplished and is accomplishing throughout ETERNITY through Christ Jesus to accomplish His purpose for His gospel. (Eph 3:11)
  - ★ **Remove just one of these and you no longer have THE GOSPEL!**
  - ★ Paul tells us that the gospel is the “power of God unto salvation” (Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 1:18)
  - ★ **There is NO OTHER GOSPEL!** (Galatians 1:6-9)

## What Makes It Glorious?

- It is truth. (John 17:17)
  - In contrast to today! (Jeremiah 9:3; 5:1; 7:28; Isaiah 59:14)
- It brings us to God. (1 Peter 3:18; Ephesians 2:16-18; 2 Cor 5:18-21)
- It makes God known to us. (John 17:2-3)
- It ushers us into a real relationship with God. (1 John 3:1-10; John 1:12-13; James 1:18)
- It reveals God’s great love for His people. (John 3:16; 1 Jn 4:9-10; Rom 5:8-10)
- It is God’s grace communicated to those who do not deserve any good from God. (Ephesians 2:7-10)
- It has the power to transform a sinner into a new creature. It works a supernatural miracle. (2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 5:8-10; 1 John 3:1)
  - It transforms us from being God’s enemies to God’s children!
- It brings complete forgiveness of all sins! (Isaiah 43:25; 44:22; Micah 7:18-19; Acts 13:38)
- It declares us justified in the courts of God by bestowing on us the righteousness

- of Christ! (Acts 13:39; Romans 8:30; 3:4; 5:1, 17-18)
- It brings with it hope and joy. (Romans 15:13)
- It brings with it a promise of spending eternity in the presence of God. (John 14:1-6; Hebrews 11:9-16)
- All of its promises are “Yes” in Christ and are sealed by the Holy Spirit. (2 Corinthians 1:20)

## Where Does/Did the Gospel Begin?

- The answer: Before time began - in eternity!
- God inhabits eternity - a place where there is NO TIME.
- It was “there” in eternity that God planned and purposed the Gospel. (1 Peter 1:18-20; Ephesians 1:3-4; Heb 13:20-21; 10:5-7; Rev 13:8; 17:8; 2Tim 1:9)
- Acts 15:18 - it was from eternity that He knew everything He would ever do.
- **The starting point of the Gospel is eternity - the everlasting covenant between the Father, Son and Holy Spirit**
- **Before time, the Son of God, agreed to be the SURETY** (Hebrews 7:22; 10:7)
- **Before time**, God foreordained the incarnation and crucifixion of Jesus Christ - 1 Peter 1:19-20; Acts 2:23; 4:27-28; Isaiah 7:14; Matthew 1:18-23
- **Before time**, God planned the creation of the heavens and the earth - Genesis 1:1, Psalm 90:2, Psalm 24:1-2
- **Before time**, God planned the creation of man - Genesis 1:26-27, 2:7; Psalm 139:16; Jeremiah 1:5
- **Before time**, God chose Israel - Romans 9:9-13; Deuteronomy 7:6-8
- **Before time**, God chose the prophets of Israel from eternity - Jeremiah 1:4-5
- **Before time, God planned the redemption of His people**- John 6:37-40; John 10:26-29; John 17:2, 2 Timothy 1:8-9; Romans 8:28-30; Ephesians 1:4-5; Ezekiel 36:24-28; 2 Thess 2:13-14; Revelation 13:8; 17:8.
- **Before time**, God justified, sanctified and glorified His people from eternity - Romans 8:30; Ephesians 1:3-4; Romans 8:30
- **Before time, sin, evil and suffering fit perfectly into God's eternal purpose** - 2 Chronicles 10:15, 18:22, 25:20; **Genesis 50:20; Genesis 20:4-6**; John 12:40; **Romans 9:14-21**; Exodus 4:21; **Isaiah 45:7**; Amos 3:6
- **Before time, God determined where each human being will be born and where they will live and determined who they will become from eternity.** Acts 17:24-26; Psalm 139:16
- **Before time**, everything that has happened, is happening and will happen in the universe was been planned by God from eternity - Psalm 33:10-11; Isaiah 14:24-27, Romans 11:33-36; Acts 15:18; Isaiah 41:22-23; 44:7; 45:21; 46:9-11; Psalms 115:3, Daniel 4:35
- **BECAUSE** God inhabits eternity - **Isaiah 57:15**
- **All of these point to the eternal purpose of God.**

## Where Did God Reveal His Gospel? - Answer: In Time

- Where does one find out what the gospel is? (Gen 1:1-Rev 22:21; Rom 1:1-11)
- Starting with Genesis 1:1 God unfolds His eternal purpose to all mankind.
- God has preserved His Word so that men can know Him and His plan.
- **Time = HISTORY.** So, starting with the historical event called "creation" and moving through the history of empires, nations, Israel and the coming of Christ, the church age and the promise of Christ's coming God has revealed and is revealing His eternal purpose.
- We saw the Gospel in the creation, in the Garden of Eden, Cain and Abel, Noah and the Flood, the Tower of Babel, the call and life of Abraham, Isaac, **and Jacob.**
- We have learned that God is a covenant keeping God.

## What Is God's Eternal Purpose?

From all eternity God purposed to gather to Himself a special people from every nation, tribe, peoples, and tongue, re-created in His image, purchased by the blood of His own Son, that would treasure, glorify, praise, worship and enjoy Him for His infinite worth and beauty for all eternity for His own glory and their good and pleasure.

## What Is the Church's Role in God's Eternal Plan?

- Treasure, glorify, praise, worship and enjoy the Creator God, our Father. (1 Peter 2:9)
- Grow! Grow in the unity of the faith, the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ - our Head. (Ephesians 4:12-13)
- **Preach the Gospel (repentance and remission of sins) - Luke 24:47; Acts 20:21; 26:20; Romans 10:13-15; 1 Thessalonians 1:8.**
- Make disciples. (Matthew 28:18-20)
  - ★ Students of God's Word - "scholars"!!!!
- Shine as lights in this evil/dark generation. (Ephesians 5:8; 1 Thess 5:4-5)
- Groan for, eagerly wait, watch for the second coming of Christ with perseverance. (Luke 12:37; Philip 3:20-21; Heb 9:28; Titus 2:11-14; Rom 8:23-25)