



What is The Gospel?

Quotes and Verses to Remind and Encourage Our Hearts in Christ

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The question, "What is the gospel?" is a very important question to be able to answer with simplicity and clarity. The original Greek for the word "gospel" means "good news." The following quotes and verses are intended to help remind and resource us in understanding, experiencing, and explaining the good news of *"God doing for us what we could never do for ourselves."*

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. – Ephesians 2:8-9

"Run, John, run", the law demands, but gives me neither feet nor hands. Better news the gospel brings: it bids me fly... and gives me wings." - John Bunyan (1628-1688)

"We lost it all. He (Jesus) did it all. We get it all." – Randy Pope

The gospel can be explained in a simple and easy way by using the acronym G.R.A.C.E., which stands for God's Riches At Christ's Expense. _

God made him (Jesus) who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. – 2 Corinthians 5:21

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. – 2 Corinthians 8:9

"The Gospel may be explained to little children (as well as to adults) in simplest fashion by declaring that *'Jesus took our spanking... and in exchange He gave us chocolate cake.'* At the cross, Jesus took upon Himself our punishment that we deserved. Not only that, but He gave us His perfect righteousness, so that now, when the Father looks upon us, He sees Jesus. We are hidden in the righteousness and love of Christ." – Drue Warner

If you died today and stood before the throne of God, and He were to ask you, "Why should I let you into My heaven?" (NOTE: I don't believe that's going to happen, but if it did...) What would you say? The truth is that you could answer that question without even uttering one word. All you would need to do is to raise your arm and point to Jesus, because it's by His work alone and His righteousness that we find favor with God. Our best works are filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6). "Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling (from the hymn "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me"). "The only thing we contribute to our salvation is the sin that makes it necessary (William Temple)." We are accepted, embraced, adopted, and loved by God, not by anything that we have done or will do, but by what Christ has done on our behalf.

"God does not love sinners because they are attractive; sinners are attractive to God because he loves them." - Martin Luther

⁶ When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners.

⁷ Now, most people would not be willing to die for an upright person, though someone might perhaps be willing to die for a person who is especially good. ⁸ But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. ⁹ And since we have been made right in God's sight by the blood of Christ, he will certainly save us from God's condemnation.

¹⁰ For since our friendship with God was restored by the death of his Son while we were still his enemies, we will certainly be saved through the life of his Son. ¹¹ So now we can rejoice in our wonderful new relationship with God because our Lord Jesus Christ has made us friends of God.

– Romans 5:6-11

3 At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. 4 But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, 5 he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, 6 whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior. - Titus 3:3-6

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

"Since the penalty for offending an infinite God requires an infinite price, it is only God who can pay it—and he did!" – Unknown

"The only thing we contribute to our salvation is the sin that makes it necessary." - William Temple (a bishop in the Church of England in the 1920's – 1940's)

God knows your shame, sin, and secrets. He sees what's behind the mask, looks you in the eyes and says "I know you and I love you." – Unknown

"To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." - C. S. Lewis

"The dance that God has invited us to is always going on...the band playing the music of forgiveness never takes a break." - Robert Capon

¹ Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured

out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

– Romans 5:1-8

¹⁵ “We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶ know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. – Galatians 2:15-16

"The Son of God became a man to enable men to become sons of God." - C. S. Lewis

¹ Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. – Romans 8:1-4

"The wonderful thing about the gospel is that it takes ethics away as duty and gives it back as joy." – Mark Galli

“God does not need your good works, but your neighbor does.” – Martin Luther

Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.” – John 6:29

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love. – Galatians 5:6

On Oct. 9, 2015, the University of Kansas men's and women's basketball teams celebrated the start of the 2015-16 season at the 31st annual Late Night in the Phog, inside Allen Fieldhouse, and then THIS happened. It's as good of an illustration of "the gospel" as you'll ever see. Do you see it? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JS7bxsen5OE&feature=youtu.be>

"To get Jesus, the only thing you need, is need." - Ray Cortese