

Gospel Class

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

God

- God exists, is at the origin of all things, and is active in creation
- Genesis 1:1 (and literally all of scripture)

Man

- Humans are sinful and rebellious
- Genesis 3, Romans 1:1-3:20 (I've chosen these two texts, because they act as kind of bookends)
- Sin earns death, separation from a right relationship with God, and incites His jealous anger and wrath.
- Death: Genesis 2:16-17, Romans 6:23, Revelation 20:11-15 (again, these are bookends)
- Separation: Exodus 26:30-35 (temple instructions showing the separation of the Holy of Holies), Leviticus 16:1-17 (what it takes to even be in God's presence), Isaiah 59:2, Joshua 7:11-12, Romans 11:11-24, 2 Thessalonians 1:8-10
- Jealous anger and wrath: Exodus 20:1-6, 34:10-14, Deuteronomy 4:1-4 & 23-24, 6:14-15, 32:15-25, Romans 1:18, 2:1-9, Ephesians 2:3, 5:6, Colossians 3:5-7, Revelation 19:11-21

Jesus - Life

- Jesus is God, Immanuel (God with us)
- Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:23, John 1:1-3 & 14, 5:17-18, 8:48-59, 10:22-33, 14:5-11 Philippians 2:5-7, Colossians 1:15-20, Hebrews 1:1-3
- Jesus is human. He gets hungry, thirsty, tired, sad, angry, tempted, and everything else that comes along with being fully human.
- Matthew 1:1-17, Luke 3:21-38 (genealogy), Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:1-21 (birth), Luke 2:40 & 52 (Jesus grows up and *learns*), Matthew 4:1-11, Mark 1:12, Luke 4:1-11 (temptation), Mark 3:20-21 & 31-35 (family drama), Hebrews 2:5-18
- Jesus lived a perfect life. No sin (spotless lamb).
- Isaiah 53:9, John 19:4, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 4:14-15, 1 Peter 1:18-19, 2:22, 1 John 3:5

Jesus - Death

- Jesus literally died on a cross
- Isaiah 53:10-12, Matthew 27:32-55, Mark 15:21-41, Luke 23:26-49, John 19:17-37, Acts 2:23, Philippians 2:5-8, Hebrews 2:14, Revelation 1:18
- Jesus is separated from God (there is mystery here)
- Matthew 27:46, Mark 15:34, (these next two may or may not help this point) John 20:17, 1 Peter 3:19-21
- Jesus, in His death, takes the punishment that we deserved
- Isaiah 53:4-12, Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:19-20, Romans 3:25, 4:25, 1 Corinthians 15:3, Hebrews 2:17, 9:11-15 & 26-28, 1 John 2:2, 4:10, 1 Peter 2:24, 3:18

Jesus - Resurrection

- Jesus literally, physically came back to life
- Matthew 28:1-10, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-49, John 20:1-29, Acts 1:3-4, 2:22-24, 3:13-15, 4:9-10, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Revelation 1:17-18
- Jesus is reunited with the Lord and ministers on our behalf
- Luke 24:50-51, John 14:2 & 12, 16:28, 20:17, Acts 1:7-9, 2:33, 7:55-56, Romans 8:34, Colossians 3:1 Hebrews 1:3, 4:14-5:10, 6:19-20, 7:23-28, 1 Peter 3:22

Gospel Implications

We are now called to recognize our need to be put back into a right relationship with the Father. In our need, we look to Jesus alone to reconcile us to the Father through His life, death, and resurrection. We are then credited with His righteous life, our sin is paid for by His death, and we follow Him into new life. This means that we leave our old life behind, the life of sin, and submit to Jesus and His teachings in all things. In doing this, we both internalize and participate with Jesus in His death and resurrection. All of this, from first to last, is done through the empowering of God, the Holy Spirit, for the glory of God.

How does this work?

Jesus credits us with the life he lived, making us righteous.

- Leviticus 17:10-14 Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-25, Luke 22:19-20, Romans 3:21-26, 4:18-24 (emphasis on v. 24), 5:17, 9:30, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (emphasis on v. 21)

Jesus dies the death we deserve and thereby removes us out from under the wrath of God.

- Jesus died *for* us: Matthew 20:28, Mark 10:45, John 10:11-15, 11:50-51, 15:13, Romans 5:6-8, 1 Corinthians 15:3, 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, Hebrews 2:9, 1 Peter 1:18-19, 1 John 3:16
- Rescued from Wrath: John 3:36, Romans 5:6-11, 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10 (emphasis on v. 10), 5:8-11 (emphasis on v. 9)

Jesus reconciled us *for* new life, where God is God and we are human. Back to the Garden, in a sense.

- Saved for new life: Romans 6:1-11, 7:4-7 & 14-25, 1 Corinthians 5:14-17, Galatians 6:14-15, Ephesians 4:20-24, Colossians 3:1-2,
- Moved from one Kingdom to another: Ephesians 2:1-10, Colossians 1:9-14 (emphasis on v.13), 1 Thessalonians 5:4-5, 1 Peter 2:9-10

This new life continues after death, reconciled to God in His presence forever.

How do we receive this?

The Gospel that reconciles us is a free gift from God that is received by faith.

- Grace through faith: Ephesians 2:1-10 (emphasis on v. 8), Acts 15:11, 18:27, 20:24, Romans 1:17, 3:21-30, 4:4-5 & 16, 5:1-2, 10:8-13, 11:5-6, Galatians 2:19-21, 2 Timothy 1:9, 3:14-15, Titus 2:11, 3:7
- Believe: John 3:16, 5:24-26, 6:28-29, 11:25-26, 20:30-31, Acts 10:39-43, 16:31, Romans 10:9-10, 1 Peter 1:8-9,