



## THE TRUTH: KNOW, BELIEVE, SHARE, DEFEND

### ***What is the gospel?***

"Here's what I understand the good news to be: the good news is that the one and only God, who is holy, made us in his image to know him. But we sinned and cut ourselves off from him. In his great love, God became a man in Jesus, lived a perfect life, and died on the cross, thus fulfilling the law himself and taking on himself the punishment for the sins of all those who would ever turn and trust in him. He rose again from the dead, showing that God accepted Christ's sacrifice and that God's wrath against us had been exhausted. He now calls us to repent of our sins and to trust in Christ alone for our forgiveness. If we repent of our sins and trust in Christ, we are born again into a new life, an eternal life with God." (Mark Dever, *The Gospel and Personal Evangelism*)

### **What the gospel *is not*!**

- The gospel is not simply that we are all \_\_\_\_\_.
- The gospel is not simply that God is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The gospel is not simply that Jesus wants to be \_\_\_\_\_.
- The gospel is not simply that we should live \_\_\_\_\_.

## What is the gospel?

- God is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - God is whole, \_\_\_\_\_, and perfect (Isaiah 6:3, Revelation 4:8).
  - God is \_\_\_\_\_ and Sustainer (Colossians 1:16-17, Hebrews 1:2-3).
  - God is slow to anger, abounding in \_\_\_\_\_ (Exodus 34:6, Psalm 86:15).
  - God is righteous and \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 7:11, Revelation 16:7).
  - God is the \_\_\_\_\_-Giver (Exodus 20:1-17, James 2:10-11).
- We are \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We \_\_\_\_\_ because we are sinners (Psalm 51:5, Romans 5:12-21).
  - All people are totally \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 6:5, Romans 3:23).
  - We are \_\_\_\_\_ to come to God on our own (John 6:44, Romans 3:10-18).
  - God is \_\_\_\_\_ with sinners (Romans 1:18, Ephesians 2:3).
  - Sin results in \_\_\_\_\_ (Genesis 5, Romans 6:23).
- \_\_\_\_\_ is the answer.
  - People need to understand the “\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ” (Matthew 1:18-25, Luke 2:1-21, John 4:26, Philippians 2:5-11, Colossians 1:15-20, Hebrews 1:1-4, Revelation 1:12-16, 19:11-16).
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- We must \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Repentance is a change of \_\_\_\_\_ that leads to a change of life (Mark 1:15, Luke 3:7-9, Acts 2:37-39, 26:18, Romans 2:4, 2 Corinthians 7:9-10, 2 Timothy 2:25).
  - Faith is a \_\_\_\_\_ in and resting on Christ (John 1:12, 3:16, 3:36, Acts 16:31, Romans 3:21-26, 10:13-17, Galatians 2:15-16, Ephesians 2:8-10, James 2:14-26).
- We must \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
  - We are saved \_\_\_\_\_ good works (Ephesians 2:10).
  - Jesus calls us to make \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 28:18-20).
  - Jesus calls his people to take up their \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 9:23-26).
  - Jesus defines friendship with him as \_\_\_\_\_ (John 15:14).