



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 _____.

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- 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).