

The Gospel

- ▼ What is the Gospel?

- ▼ What is a summary of the Gospel?

- ▼ God, Man, Christ, Response

- ▼ God is holy and loving.

- ▼ Man sinned and earned the judgment of a holy and loving God.

- ▼ Christ lived and died in our place to defeat sin and death.

- ▼ We are called to respond in repentance and faith.

- ▼ Bible References

- ▼ Jn 3:16

- ▼ ESV

- ▼ 16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

- ▼ LSG

- ▼ **16** Car Dieu a tant aimé le monde qu'il a donné son Fils unique, afin que quiconque croit en lui ne périsse point, mais qu'il ait la vie éternelle.

- ▼ Rom 3:23

- ▼ ESV

- ▼ **23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

- ▼ LSG

- ▼ **23** Car tous ont péché et sont privés de la gloire de Dieu;

- ▼ Rom 6:23

- ▼ ESV

▼ **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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▼ **23** Car le salaire du péché, c'est la mort; mais le don gratuit de Dieu, c'est la vie éternelle en Jésus Christ notre Seigneur.

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▼ What are examples of popular false gospels?

▼ We're OK

▼ This can de-emphasize the gravity of Man's sinfulness before God's holiness

▼ Nominal Christianity

▼ Nominal Christianity de-emphasizes the need for a personal radical response to the Gospel, and the powerful transformation which the Gospel produces in one's life

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▼ Liberal Christianity

▼ Liberal Christianity emphasizes societal transformation through caring for the needs of the poor and seeking global justice.

▼ We cannot resuscitate society in our own strength; we are bent, broken, and guilty—in need of Christ, our priest and sacrifice.

▼ Prosperity Christianity

▼ It confuses the experience of life with Christ in eternity with the experience of life with Christ now.

▼ Cultural Relevance

▼ To "meet people where they are" is to help them

▼ become aware of:

▼ their spiritual state (sinful) before God (holy, just, and loving)

- ▼ their destination (hell) if they do not repent and believe in Christ
- ▼ respond to the Gospel with repentance towards sin and trust in Christ
- ▼ How can the Gospel be at the center of a healthy church?
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 - ▼ Life-on-Life Discipling with all aspects of the Gospel frequently
 - ▼ Demonstrating to our neighbors all aspects of the Gospel frequently
- ▼ Study Guide
 - ▼ Memory Verse
 - ▼ 2 Cor 5:21
 - ▼ ESV
 - ▼ **21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
 - ▼ LSG
 - ▼ **21** Celui qui n'a point connu le péché, il l'a fait devenir péché pour nous, afin que nous devenions en lui justice de Dieu.
- ▼ Study Questions
 - ▼ True or False: The Gospel only faces threats from outside the church.
 - ▼ False
 - ▼ Easy believism is characteristic of (Orthodox Christianity / Nominal Christianity / Liberal Christianity / None of the above).
 - ▼ Nominal Christianity
 - ▼ Christian liberalism emphasizes Christ's (Priestly / Kingly) work over his (Kingly / Prophetic / Priestly) work.
 - ▼ Kingly, Priestly

▼ True or False: The prosperity gospel is not related to liberal Christianity.

▼ False. They both emphasize the now vs future experience of life with Christ.

▼ The (Transfiguration / Resurrection / Incarnation / Atonement) is often used to support the need for the church to be culturally relevant.

▼ Incarnation

▼ The Gospel is the (Conclusion / Postscript / Footnote / Headline) of the Bible.

▼ Headline (1 Cor 15:1-4)

▼ Conversation Questions

▼ How is the gospel at the center of Scripture, the center of our faith, and the center of a healthy church?

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▼ Paul rebuked Peter for breaking fellowship with the Gentiles (Gal. 2:11–14).

What

does this tell us about the gospel?

▼ The Gospel breaks down social barriers between people, e.g. barriers that relied on spiritual traditions.

▼ The Gospel enables the formation of a church consisting of people from all nations and spiritual traditions.