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WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The word 'Gospel' literally means 'Good News' and it is mentioned 90+ times in the Bible. Broadly speaking, the Gospel is the whole of scripture; the mega narrative of God's plan to restore humanity to Himself. Specifically speaking, the Gospel is the good news about Jesus. The story of who Jesus is and what He did in God's redemption plan. Let's break it down so you know how to explain it easily in 3 simple stages...



God created the world. We can see beauty, purpose and evidence of design all around us. It is impossible to ignore. Just look at the intricate design of plants, the way the moon influences the tide, or the ever-changing colors in a sunset. The Bible tells us that God originally designed a world that worked perfectly — where everything and everyone fit together in harmony. God created us for a purpose. He created us to know Him and to enjoy Him; to live and bring glory and honor to Him.

Read: Genesis 1:31, Psalm 19:1 & Ephesians 2:10



If we look around at society, it is easy to see that humanity is not bringing glory to God. Rather, there is a brokenness in the world. We see it in the evil of terrorism, we see it in war, violence, abuse, deceit, and betrayal. In ignorance to God, we could search high and low for the reasons of the brokenness, but the truth is, beneath it all, the problem is spiritual. Really, we are the problem. We have not lived for God, we have not followed His rules and made up our own. We have not valued a relationship with Him. The Bible calls this sin and it means to disobey God, trying to do life our own way. Sin is taking the title of God and putting it upon ourselves. It is because of sin that we as humans have become hostile, not only towards God, but towards others. The Bible says the consequence of sin is death.

Read: Romans 1:25, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23 & Proverbs 14:12

THE SOLUTION (JESUS)

Brokenness leads to a place of realizing a need for help; a remedy, some Good News. God, because of His mercy and great love for us, did not leave us in our brokenness. He sent His Son, Jesus as a solution

to our sin problem. Jesus came to earth, lived a perfect sin-free life (exampling life by God's design), and willingly chose to die in our place to pay the penalty for our sin. He then defeated death and rose to life. He did for us what we couldn't do for ourselves. Simply hearing this good news is not enough, we must act on it and admit our sinful brokenness, ask God for forgiveness, and stop trusting in ourselves. This is when we can begin to understand God's original design for our lives and the lives of others. When we put our faith in Jesus and make Him the Lord of our life, and repent of our sin, the Bible says that we are saved!

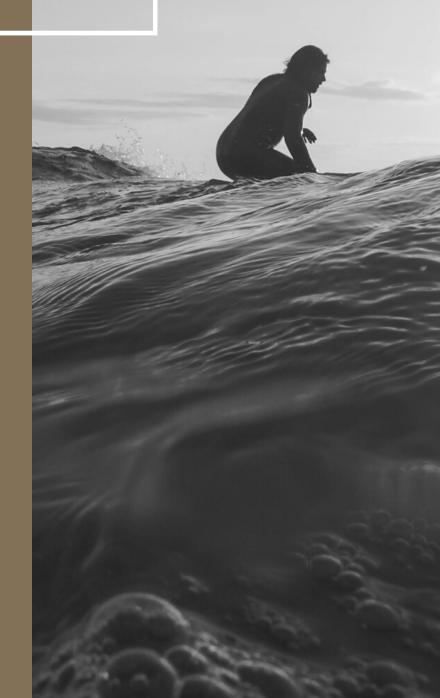
Read: John 3:16, Colossians 2:14, Mark 1:15 & Eph<u>esians 2:8-9</u>



SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE

Memorize these 3 simple points about the Gospel.

1 Peter 3:15 tells us that we should always be ready to defend our faith. Knowing these points, and a few supporting verses, will prepare you to share the Gospel!



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"YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE
HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE
MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, AND IN
ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND
TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."

ACTS 1:8