

That's Gospel

We hear the word used quite often. Someone will say, "That's gospel." Or perhaps it is a "gospel music group."

The Bible makes it clear just what the word really means. In 1 Corinthians 15:2-3 we read, "By this gospel you are saved if you hold firmly to the word that I preached to you. And that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised."

There are three crystal clear parts to the gospel. The first mention by Paul is "that Christ." This name reveals the initial part of the gospel, the fact that God took upon Himself a body. He did so in order to die. God as God could not die. God is eternal life and eternal life cannot die. But as revealed by the name *Christ*, Jesus at Bethlehem God became a man. He became the God/man. As a man He could go to the cross and die, and He did.

This brings us to the second part of the gospel. Christ died for our sin. God gave us His perfect Son to die as our sin substitute.

The final part of the gospel is the resurrection. Jesus Christ rose from the dead. Putting it together, God in the person of the Christ, died for our sin and then rose again. The resurrection is the final pillar upon which our faith rests. When we place our faith in Christ, God credits to our account the righteousness that we need to go to heaven.

That is very powerful. We need to believe this, accept it. He died for our sins. He took our place. We should understand this simple, yet amazing story that Jesus Christ died for us and offers eternal life to those who believe.

In this online magazine, we have articles dealing with several subjects. But to really understand these pieces, we must begin by accepting Christ as our Savior. The Bible calls this being born again or born from above.

The gospel message is the best news ever.