



## New Life Class

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## The Gospel: Then & Now

Part 1

Colossians 1:1-8

### Nine Descriptions of the Gospel

#### 1. The Gospel Is \_\_\_\_\_-Centered 1:2,4,7

The Gospel = \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

- Incarnation – In Jesus, God was born as a man. 1:19, 2:9
- Sinless Life – Although a man, Christ lived a sinless, perfect life.

- The \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1:20-22, 2:13b-14
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2:12
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2:12-13
- \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_ 3:1
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3:4

#### 2. The Gospel Is From \_\_\_\_\_ 1:3

- God's \_\_\_\_\_ requires the Gospel. 3:5-6  
If there is no wrath or judgment of sin, then there is no need for the Gospel.
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ provides the Gospel 3:12a  
While we are in our sin. While we have a debt to God that we can never repay. While we are enemies and in rebellion to God. God chose us.

- God's \_\_\_\_\_ enables the Gospel **2:12-13**  
It is God's effort to save us. It takes a supernatural power that only God possesses to make live what is dead.

### 3. The Gospel Is \_\_\_\_\_ **1:3-8**

**Colossians 4:12**

*Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, greets you, always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God.*

### 4. The Gospel Is \_\_\_\_\_ **1:6**

- The Gospel draws people from every tongue, tribe, people and nation. **1:27**
- The Gospel is not limited by race, social status, economic status, etc. **3:11**

### 5. The Gospel Is \_\_\_\_\_ **1:4-8**

- The goal is to proclaim to \_\_\_\_\_. **1:27-28**
- Start with \_\_\_\_\_. **4:2-4**
- Be \_\_\_\_\_. **4:5-6**

### 6. The Gospel Is Not \_\_\_\_\_ By Those Who Truly Believe **1:6**

- Faithful believers \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matt 13:23**

*"As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who **hears** the word and **understands** it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."*

**Mark 4:8**

*"And other seeds fell into good soil and **produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.**"*

- Faithful believers show themselves as stable and steadfast. **1:21-23**
- Faithful believers are rooted at salvation, but are built up and established in discipleship. **2:6-7**