



New Life Class

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The Gospel: Then & Now

Part 2

Colossians 1:1-8

Nine Descriptions of the Gospel

1. The Gospel Is Christ-Centered

The Gospel = Good News = Jesus Christ

- **The Person of Christ**

Incarnation & Sinless Life (1:19, 2:9)

- **The Work of Christ**

Death (1:20-22, 2:13b-14), Burial (2:12), Resurrection (2:12-13), Ascension & Reign (3:1), Return (3:4)

2. The Gospel Is From God 1:3

- God's wrath requires the Gospel 3:5-6
- God's love provides the Gospel 3:12a
- God's power enables the Gospel 2:12-13

3. The Gospel Is Personal 1:3-8, 4:12

4. The Gospel Is Universal 1:6, 1:27, 3:11

5. The Gospel Is Proclaimed 1:4-8

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 _____ 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

7. The Gospel Is Responded To With _____ 1:3
1:3, 1:12-14, 2:6-7, 3:15, 3:16, 3:17, 4:2

8. The Gospel Is _____ 1:20-22

- _____ – **Incarnation, Death, Burial, Resurrection, & Ascension of Christ**
 - _____ 1:21-22
 - Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein H pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.
 - What the Gospel has already done for us.
- _____ – **Reign of Christ**
 - _____ 3:1-3, 3:9-10, 2:6-7
 - Sanctification is a work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and to live unto righteousness.
 - What the Gospel is currently doing in us.
- _____ – **Return of Christ**
 - _____ 3:4
 - At the resurrection, believers being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.
 - What the Gospel will ultimately do to us.

9. The Gospel Is The _____ Of Life And _____ 1:6

- **The gospel is a living thing which is like a seed or a tree that brings more and more new life.**
"bearing fruit and growing"
- **The gospel is only "planted" in us so as to bear fruit as we understand its greatness and implications deeply.**
"understood the grace of God in truth"
- **The Gospel continues to grow in us and renew us throughout our lives.**
"as it also does among you, since the day you heard it"