

SERIES: Marks of a Healthy Church
“Mark #3- A Biblical Understanding of the Gospel”
1 Corinthians 15:1-5

What is the Gospel?

- **God**- The creator of the universe made man in his image to worship and glorify him.
- **Man**- We have all sinned against God and rightly deserve his wrath.
- **Christ**- Jesus died for our sins and rose again to save us from the wrath of God.
 - Jesus Died- Through Christ's death, God's wrath against us has been exhausted.
 - Jesus Rose- Through Christ's resurrection, we know Jesus' sacrifice was accepted.
- **Response**- The gospel is received through repentance and faith.
 - If we repent of our sins and trust in Christ, we are born again into a new life, an eternal life with God (John 3:16).
 - He is gathering one new people to himself among all those who submit to Christ as Lord (Matt. 16:15-19; Eph. 2:11-19).

Where Is It In The Bible?

- Romans 1-4 contains one of the fullest expositions of the gospel in all of Scripture.
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Why Is It Important?

- The gospel is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes, and it is the only way for sinful people to be reconciled to a holy God.
- Not only that, but everything in a church flows from its understanding of the gospel, whether preaching, counseling, discipleship, music, evangelism, missions, and so on.

The Gospel: The Church's Most Important Message (1 Corinthians 15:1-5)

- The gospel is a particular message.
- The gospel is a powerful message.
- The gospel is a persevering message.
- The gospel must be our primary message.
 - God saved you for Himself.
 - God saved you by Himself.
 - God saved you from Himself.

Why Do We Need to Hear the Gospel Every Day?

- To evoke praise and thanks to God.
- To remind us of our identity in Christ.
- To sustain us.
- To keep us from sin.
- To motivate us to do good works.
- To protect us from despair.
- To encourage others around us.
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