

**Introduction:**

When we proclaim the Gospel:

- **Primary purpose = Glorify God, 1 Corinthians 10:31**
- **Secondary purpose**
  - Regularly meditate on the gospel myself
  - Salvation of unbelievers

Paul expresses the gospel in Romans chapters 1-4. In Romans, Paul gives a clear expression of what he understands to be the good news, the gospel of Jesus Christ. In these 4 chapters, Paul answers 4 questions that get to the heart of the gospel:

1. Who made us, and to whom are we accountable?
2. What is our problem? In other words, are we in trouble and why?
3. What is God's solution to that problem? How has He acted to save us from it?
4. How do I myself, right here, right now – come to be included in that salvation? What makes this good news for me and not just for someone else?

This is where Paul focused. This is where we want to focus in clearly understanding the gospel – proclaiming and meditating on what God says in His Word about these 4 questions.

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| 1. God | 2. Man – Sin | 3. Jesus | 4. Response |
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**1. God****Creator:**

**Romans 1:20** *“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes both His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.”*

**Holy:**

**Romans 1:4** *"Jesus who was designated as the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness"*

**Leviticus 11:45** *"For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy for I am holy."*

**Just:**

**Romans 14:12** *"So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God."*

**Wrath:**

**Romans 1:18** *"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness & unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness."*

\*God will eternally punish every person who has done anything unrighteous.

\*Just as heaven is real, the place of punishment is real.

**Revelation 20 (13,15)** *".....And the dead were judged according to their deeds..... if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire."*

**2. Man: Sin, unrighteousness**

**Romans 3:10-12, 23** *"there is none righteous, not even one....there is none who seeks for God....there is none who does good, not even one....For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

### 3. Jesus Christ

**Romans 8:3** *"...God sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh..."*

#### Holy life:

**John 10:30** *"Jesus said, 'I and the Father are one.'"*

**John 20:28** *the apostle Thomas acknowledged this, saying to Jesus, "My Lord and my God."*

#### Died on the cross:

#### Rose from the dead:

**Romans 1:4** *"who was designated as the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness, but the resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord."*

**Romans 4:25** *"He who was delivered over on account of our transgressions and was raised on account of our justification."*

**1 Corinthians 15:20-23** *"Christ has been raised from the dead...for since by a man came death by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order, Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming."*

#### Ascended into heaven at the right hand of God:

### 4. Response

**Know** the gospel. **Believe** that the gospel is true. **Trust** in Jesus Christ alone, He who is the gospel.

Faith. Allegiance. Loyalty.

\* Why is it important that we are able to express the gospel clearly?

Gives glory to Jesus every time we proclaim the gospel.

We need to regularly meditate on the gospel.

The gospel is how a person goes from death to life .... we want to proclaim.

- **1 Peter 3:15** *“But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and fear.”*

**YOUR TESTIMONY:** Testimony of Salvation

- **Psalm 107:1-2** *“Oh give thanks to Yahweh, for He is good, for His lovingkindness endures forever. Let the redeemed of Yahweh say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary.”*

What is a salvation testimony? How to put together?

- General Outline:
  - A little bit about my life BEFORE I trusted in Jesus – general, not every detail – consider my audience, to whom I am proclaiming the gospel.
  - How I heard the gospel – when I proclaimed faith in Jesus alone – **CLEAR** gospel, so that an unsaved person can know how to be saved from their sin.
  - A little bit about my life AFTER I trusted in Jesus.
- 3-5 minutes

**Application / Implication**

1. If you are not comfortable clearly proclaiming the gospel, work on the gospel this week.

Practice, practice, practice so you are always ready to give a defense to proclaim the hope that is in you. Practice to yourself. Practice proclaiming to someone else.

2. If you have never written out your testimony and are able to share it freely, write it out this week, at least a first draft.

3. If you are comfortable proclaiming the gospel and your testimony – be intentional to meditate on the gospel sometime every day this week. Worship and give thanks to God every day this week that you are in Christ.

AND

Be intentional to faithfully proclaim the gospel to others this week.

\*\* Leave them with a Gospel Tract. I use *What is the Gospel?*

4. If you do not have saving faith in Jesus – respond today to the gospel you’ve heard.