

## **The Gospel of Christ: An Introduction to Our Saving Knowledge of Grace**

MPBC Youth Group

### *Lesson 1*

Break into groups of three or less and answer the question: What is the Gospel?

The Gospel is...

- *The Good News:*

#### **Mark 1:14<sup>1</sup>**

After John was arrested, Jesus went to Galilee preaching the good news of God: the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the good news!

- *Message of Reconciliation:*

#### **Romans 1:16**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is God's power for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek.

- *Message of Justification/Calling:*

#### **Romans 8:30**

And those He predestined, He also called; and those He called, He also justified; and those He justified, He also glorified.

- *Message of Salvation:*

#### **Romans 5:8**

But God proves His own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us!

Essentially the Gospel of Christ is this that ***Christ died for our sins and He raised and through faith in him we can be reconciled to the Father.***

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<sup>1</sup> All Scripture is from the Holman CSB unless otherwise noted.

## **1 Corinthians 15:1-8**

*<sup>1</sup>Now brothers, I want to clarify for you the gospel I proclaimed to you; you received it and have taken your stand on it. <sup>2</sup>You are also saved by it, if you hold to the message I proclaimed to you—unless you believed for no purpose. <sup>3</sup>For I passed on to you as most important what I also received:*

*That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,  
<sup>4</sup>that he was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,  
<sup>5</sup>and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup>Then He appeared to over 500 brothers at one time; most them are still alive, but some fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup>Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup>Last of all, as to one abnormally born, He also appeared to me.*

### **The Gospel is NOT**

- A proclamation of prosperity
- A get out of jail free card
- A feel good message

### **The Gospel IS**

- A standard to uphold
- Is all saving for Gods chosen (Romans 5:8)
- Gives strength to those who follow (Philippians 4:13)
- God's grace and mercy on a unholy nation worthy of death