

THE GOSPEL

Man is in sin, but on his own he is unable to change or to do anything about his problem.

- Romans 5:6-11
 - Lists four things this passage says are true about us when we are outside of Christ.
 - (1) powerless (2) ungodly (3) sinners (4) enemies
- Ephesians 2:1-10
 - What kind of condition are we in before the grace of God comes into our lives?
 - What is useless to save us?
 - Works
- Romans 3:9-12
 - Does it matter if we are “good”, “better”, or “religious”? (Mark 10:17)

God's solution was to give us grace (undeserved forgiveness) through Jesus Christ.

- John 1:14-18
 - In Jesus there is an abundance of grace. He is full of grace. Grace is blessing and favor that is undeserved (unearned). Jesus does something for us that we have not earned and cannot earn or deserve.
- I Corinthians 15:1-5
 - What is the gospel?
 - The gospel (the good news) is what Jesus Christ has done for us when we were trapped in sin. It is by the gospel (what Christ had done) that we are saved.
 - He predicted His death on numerous occasions. Matthew 16:21; 20:18-19
 - He described the meaning of his death: Mark 10:45; a ransom for men enslaved in sin.
 - Read one of the gospel accounts of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. Why would he go through such a death?

Based on what we have studied, what is it that saves us?

The **death** of Jesus shows his love.

The **burial** symbolizes the temporary reign of Satan.

The **resurrection** proves the power of God.

All we need to know is how His death, burial and resurrection is applied to my life so that I am in His grace.

Passages to read before our next Bible study:

John 3:1-21	Being born again and eternal life
Luke 22:1-20	Jesus institutes the Lord's Supper so we will remember Him
Matthew 27-28	The death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus
Mark 15-16	The death, burial, resurrection and ascension of Jesus
Acts 2	The first gospel sermon after Jesus' ascension