

# *The Good News*

Gospel means Good News, and the good news of the Bible begins with God

***He is the creator, owner, and king of the universe.***

He knows everything, rules over everything, and holds everyone accountable for every thought, word, and deed. God is perfect in His character, and perfect goodness is His standard for the people He made. As king of all creation,

He is glorious, majestic, and completely just.

***He is the perfect king.***

The problem for us is that we live in God's world, but we live in it in rebellion against God. God made us to know Him, love Him, trust Him, and obey His word, but instead we live for ourselves in defiance of Him.

***The Bible calls this life of defiant rebellion against God "sin."***

***Everyone in the world is a sinner.***

Everyone has thought, said, and done things that dishonor God and violate His standard of perfect goodness. All of us are guilty, and all of us deserve condemnation from God.

***However, in amazing grace, God loved us even though we turned our backs on Him.***

We walked away from Him, but He came after us to reconcile us back to Himself.

In love, God became a man in the person of Jesus the Messiah. Jesus lived the perfect life we should have lived, and then died the death we deserved to die, taking on Himself the punishment for our sin. After dying a horrible death on the cross as our substitute, He conquered death by rising again from the dead on the third day. He ascended to heaven and sent His Holy Spirit on those who trust in Him, sending them into the entire world to spread the Good News of His life, death, and resurrection. At the end of history,

***He will come again to make all things new.***

How should we respond to this Good News about Jesus?

***He has commanded everyone***

everywhere to repent of their rebellion against God and

***to put their trust in Him,***

and in Him alone, to save them from their sins and to reconcile them to God.

Everyone who repents and believes in Him is forgiven of all their sins and adopted as a child of God. They are given new life in Him, and they will live forever with Him in glory and joy.

***Will you repent and believe in Him now, and enter into eternal life?***

**Scripture references:** Exodus 20:1-21; Isaiah 53:1-12; Matthew 5:1-7:29; Luke 23:1-49, 24:44-49; John 3:1-21; Acts 4:12; Romans 3:9-31, 6:23; 2 Corinthians 5:10-21; 1 John 5:11-13