

And Jesus said unto them,

*“Go ye into all the
world and preach
the GOSPEL to
every creature”*

Mark 16:15

Question - What is the **GOSPEL** and why did the Lord command his disciples to proclaim it to the world?

The answer to these two questions is simple!

First, we find the definition of what the **GOSPEL** is in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. The **GOSPEL** is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ - plus nothing, minus nothing! Paul said in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4,

*Moreover brethren, I declare unto you the **GOSPEL** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand.*

By which also ye are saved...

*For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that **CHRIST DIED FOR OUR SINS** according to the scriptures (Isaiah 53:5-8).*

*And that **HE WAS BURIED** (Isaiah 53:9) and that **HE ROSE AGAIN** the third day according to the scriptures (Isaiah 55:3/ Acts 13:34)*

The **GOSPEL** (or, Good News) is *not* Christ's death, burial, and resurrection plus good works, or plus church membership, or plus baptism. Paul said in 1 Corinthians 1:17,

*For Christ sent me **not** to baptize, but to preach the **GOSPEL**:*

It is *not* Jesus plus anything - but Jesus *only*!

Secondly, the reason why the Lord commanded his disciples to preach the **GOSPEL** to the world is that *only* the **GOSPEL** saves! Paul said in Romans 1:16,

*For I am not ashamed of the **GOSPEL** of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth;*

Paul said again in Ephesians 1:13,

*In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the **GOSPEL** of your salvation:*

Anyone can be saved who accepts the facts of the **GOSPEL**. The facts of the **GOSPEL** are:

1. ***CHRIST DIED (PAID) FOR OUR SINS***, proving that man cannot save himself. (Ephesians 2:8,9 & Titus 3:5)
2. ***CHRIST WAS BURIED***, proving that the price for salvation was paid in full. (Romans 6:23a)
3. ***CHRIST ROSE FROM THE DEAD***, proving that He is, was, and always will be God. (Romans 1:4)

Abraham (Galatians 3:6-8), Moses (Hebrews 4:1, 2) and Isaiah (Romans 10:15-16) all believed the facts of the **GOSPEL** and were saved!

Question - Now that you know what

the **GOSPEL** is and *why* the Lord sent his disciples into the world to proclaim it, are you willing to accept the facts of the **GOSPEL** and be saved? If so, acknowledge the following:

1. Repent and agree with God that you are a sinner and that you cannot save yourself. (Romans 3:23)
2. Repent and agree with God that your sin is bad enough to send you to hell and that you need the Savior. (Romans 6:23/Luke 13:1-5)
3. Repent and accept what the Savior (Christ) did for you on the cross and ask Him to save you from your sin and take you to heaven when you die. (Romans 5:8 & 10:13)

Jesus said in Mark 1:15, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe, the **GOSPEL**".

Simply take God at His Word and claim His promise for your salvation. Bow your head right now and sincerely ask Jesus Christ to forgive you of your sins and save your soul.

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SCHEDULE

Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Sunday Morning Service	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.
