

The Work of Christ

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

- The Gospel is Good News?
- The need for the Good News is sin.



What is the Gospel?

- Sin is **lawlessness** – 1 John 3:4
- Sin is **not** doing what you know is right (sin of omission) – James 4:17
- Sin can be in the **mind** – Matt 5:28
- Sin can be in our **speech** – Col 3:8

Sin is anything contrary to God in thought, word, or deed

What is sin?

- Man has a sin nature – Rom 5:12
- Man is a slave to sin – John 8:34

Man is a Slave to Sin

• The Condition of Man

- God's indictment of man – Rom 3:10-12
 - None Righteous by God's standards – Matt 5:48
 - None who understands – Eph 4:17-18
 - None who seeks God – John 6:37
 - All have turned aside – Isa 53:6
 - Become useless – Titus 1:16
 - Summary: none who does good

Man's Need for Christ's Work

• The Condition of Man

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- Further indictment of man – Rom 3:13-18
- Man is totally depraved
 - This does *NOT* mean
 1. Devoid of any qualities pleasing to man
 2. Each person is as bad as he or she can be
 3. Devoid of conscience (Rom 2:13)
 4. Every person will do every evil act
 5. All men are equally evil (Rev. 20:12)

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 - This does mean:
 1. Every part of man is tainted by sin
 2. Totally separated from Christ
 - Impossible to please God (Rom. 3:10-12, above)
 - Slaves to sin (Rom. 6:17; John 8:34, above)

Man's Need for Christ's Work

- The Condition of Man
- The Consequences of man's sin
 - God is your enemy – James 4:4
 - We were facing death – Rom 6:23
 - Spiritual death – dead to God and things of God – Eph 2:1
 - Physical death
 - Eternal death
 - Called the 2nd death
 - Eternal separation from God

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 - Facing Condemnation and eternal Separation from God – 2 Thes 1:8-9
 - Helpless to save himself – Rom 5:6

Man's Need for Christ's Work

- **The Need for a Sacrifice**

- Forgiveness requires the shedding of blood - Hebrews 9:22
- The Law prescribes the atonement - Lev 17:11

The Work of Christ

- The Need for a Sacrifice
- The Provision of the sacrifice – John 3:16
- The cost of the sacrifice
 1. Christ's Humiliation
 - Humiliation of the Incarnation – Phil 2:6-8
 - Despised of men – Isa 53:3
 2. Burden of carrying the sin of all mankind
 - The agony before His execution – Luk 22:41-44
 - Separation from God – Mat 27:46

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 3. The Crucifixion
 - His Arrest – Matthew 26:50-54
 - His Trial – Matthew 26:59-68
 - Before Pilate (the governor) - Matthew 27:11-26
 - His scourging - Matthew 27:27-31
 - The Crucifixion - Matthew 27:32-37

The Work of Christ

- **The Wrath of God Upon Christ**
 - Christ forsaken by the Father – Mat 27:46
 - Christ became sin – 2 Cor 5:21
 - Christ bore our sins – 1 Pet 2:24

The Judgment of God at the Cross

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- The wrath of the Father falls on the Son - Isaiah 53:10

The Judgment of God at the Cross

- The Wrath of God Upon Christ
- God's Judgment seen in darkness
 - At Christ's birth - glorious light - Luke 2:9
 - Christ Himself was the light of men - John 1:4,5
 - At Christ's death - Supernatural darkness - Matthew 27:45

The Judgment of God at the Cross

- Christ's last words - John 19:26-30
- Events at His death - Matthew 27:51-53

Christ's Death

- Christ rose from the Dead - Romans 1:4
- He is now the intercessor for us before God
 - Intercessor - Hebrews 7:25
 - Mediator - I Timothy 2:5
- Went to prepare a place for us ... And will come again! – John 14:3
- The necessity of the resurrection – 1 Cor 15:13-21

Christ's Resurrection and Continuing Work

- 1 Peter 3:18
- Romans 5:10
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Galatians 1:4
- Ephesians 1:7
- Romans 6:6-7

The Provision of Christ's Work