



THE GOSPEL: RESPONSE.

“WHAT SHALL WE SAY THEN? ARE WE TO CONTINUE IN SIN THAT GRACE MAY ABOUND? BY NO MEANS! HOW CAN WE WHO DIED TO SIN STILL LIVE IN IT?”

ROMANS 6:1-2

BIG IDEA:

Because of the work of Jesus, I am forgiven, freed, and walk in new life.

GOSPEL STATEMENT

The one and only God, our Righteous King, created us in His image and for His glory, to love, know, and represent Him. We made a choice, however, to violate God's righteousness with our sin and thus we are unable to love, know, and represent Him on our own. Our sin and lack of righteousness deserves a punishment, the anger and judgment of God. But because we cannot bear this punishment on our own, and because of His great love for us, God sent His Son, Jesus, who was both fully human and fully God, to live a perfectly righteous life and to die on a cross that He might save us from the punishment that our sin deserves. After three days, Jesus was raised from the dead, showing that God the Father had accepted the sacrifice of the Son, Jesus, on behalf of His people. **And now, God calls us to trust in Jesus—to have faith in the sufficiency of His work on the cross and to repent, changing our minds about the sufficiency of our old way of living. In trusting Jesus to save us, we are reconciled to God. This means that we are forgiven of our sin, credited with Christ's righteousness, adopted in as sons and daughters, and given new and eternal life. In being reconciled to God, we now have relationship with Him.** This relationship means that we have received the presence of God's Spirit in our lives, thus producing the fruit of the gospel and enabling us to live as kingdom citizens who love, know, and represent God as we were created to do.

THE GOSPEL: God. Humanity. Jesus. **Response.**

NEW LIFE

- By faith in Jesus Christ, I am forgiven of all my sins and **freed** from condemnation (Acts 13:38-39)

2 Corinthians 5:17, 21 - “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold the new has come.... For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

QUESTIONS WE MUST ANSWER

1. How do people with new life live?
2. If I love Jesus, how should I walk?

Romans 6:1-2 - “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means!”

AS A NEW CREATION...

1. I have been freed from the power of sin, so I will actively fight against it (vv. 1-14)
2. I am alive and under God's care, so I will actively serve God by obeying his Word (vv. 15-23)

WHO AM I IN LIGHT OF THE GOD?

1. I am small (God)
2. I am guilty (Humanity)
3. I am loved (Jesus)
4. I will follow (Response)