



## THE GOSPEL: RESPONSE.

“THE SAYING IS TRUSTWORTHY AND DESERVING OF FULL ACCEPTANCE, THAT CHRIST JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD TO SAVE SINNERS, OF WHOM I AM THE FOREMOST. BUT I RECEIVED MERCY FOR THIS REASON, THAT IN ME, AS THE FOREMOST, JESUS CHRIST MIGHT DISPLAY HIS PERFECT PATIENCE AS AN EXAMPLE TO THOSE WHO WERE TO BELIEVE IN HIM FOR ETERNAL LIFE.”

**1 TIMOTHY 1:15-16**

### 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.**

### TRUTHS OF SALVATION

- God saved you.
- Neither God's ability, nor his desire to save you, is affected by the amount of your sin.
- You have been saved by God for a purpose – to make Him known!

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Your salvation is inherently missional.

**MISSIONAL:** Share with others the Good News of the gospel in order that they too may be saved.

### THE PURPOSE OF YOUR SALVATION

- Jesus saved you... that your life would display his patience.
- Jesus saved you... to be a living picture of his overflowing grace.

### REASONS FOR CONFIDENCE ON YOUR MISSION:

1. Jesus will provide you with the necessary strength (v. 12a)
2. Due to Jesus' strength in you... you possess the faithfulness necessary to complete the mission (v. 12b)

**1 Corinthians 7:25** – “... I give my judgment as one who by the Lord's mercy is trustworthy.”

**St. Augustine** – “God does not choose a person who is worthy, but by the act of choosing him He makes him worthy.”

3. Jesus Himself has appointed you to His service (v. 12c)