



THE GOSPEL: JESUS.

“... BUT GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE FOR US IN THAT WHILE WE WERE STILL SINNERS, CHRIST DIED FOR US.”

ROMANS 5:8

BIG IDEA:

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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.

GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE FOR US BY...

- Dying for us while we were still weak and ungodly sinners (vv. 6-8)
 - Weak = Helpless
 - Ungodly = Depraved/Opposing God
 - Right Time = Perfect time
- Justifying and reconciling us to Himself (vv. 8-10)
 - Justified = Not guilty/given Jesus' obedience
 - Reconciled = From enemies to friends
- Raising Christ from the dead, approving Jesus' work for us (1 Cor. 15)

PROPER RESPONSE:

- If you're not a Christian, rejoice in Jesus by following him through faith.
- If you are a Christian, rejoice in Jesus' work for you.

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)