

## **The Gospel Message: Sharing the Gospel**

For God's plan of salvation to reach non-Christians and the world, there is only one option: *disciples must function as image-bearers, testifying in word and deed that Jesus is the victorious king.* Matthew Bates (The Gospel Precisely)

Matthew 28:18-20

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Gospel Overview:

1. Jesus is King and creator of heaven and earth (Genesis 1:1; John 1:1-11; Hebrews 1:1-4).
  2. Humans are created in His image to reign alongside Him (Genesis 1:26-28; Revelation 22:5).
  3. Sin leads to rebellion against God, causing separation and corruption (Romans 3:23; Jeremiah 17:9).
  4. God restores creation by coming as Jesus of Nazareth to reestablish His reign (Philippians 2:5-11).
  5. Jesus reconciles creation by dying for our sins and rising again, offering salvation (1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 2 Corinthians 5:18-21).
  6. Accepting Jesus as King involves belief, confession, repentance, and baptism (Romans 10:9; Acts 2:38).
  7. God grants forgiveness, restoring our relationship with Him (Acts 2:38).
  8. The Holy Spirit empowers and enlightens us to live like Jesus (Acts 2:38).
  9. Saved from sin, we live for our King by making disciples, doing good works, and following the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 2:10; Galatians 5:16-26).
- IN SHORT, WE FOLLOW THE REIGN AND RULE OF KING JESUS, DEDICATING OUR LIVES TO GROW HIS KINGDOM