

Hearing the Word of God

LISTEN:

What is Jesus saying to me through His Word today?

RESPOND:

What am I going to do about it?



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Church

Loving God.
Loving one another.



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May 4, 2025

Song: “Forever”

Welcome & Announcements

Pastoral Prayer

Song: “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

Song: “Mighty To Save

Song: “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Message: Luke—John the Baptist Questions Jesus

Song: “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Offering & Closing Prayer

Benediction

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What is the Gospel? Good News!

Gospel is a church word that simply means “good news.” To experience the gospel involves more than simply understanding its truths. It involves the ongoing experience of the presence and power of Jesus Christ. This is why the gospel is life-changing.

It is through the gospel that you can receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord and begin experiencing the new life that only He can give. Knowing four truths has helped many people enter into this relationship with Jesus.

God’s love

The gospel reveals God’s great love for us: “In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him” (1 John 4:9, ESV).

Our problem

Through the gospel, we also grow in the awareness of our own failure and need. Each of us has turned from God and gone astray at many times and in many ways. This is what the Bible calls sin. The result is that we are spiritually dead or separated from God and the life He gives. “For the wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23, ESV).

Christ’s solution

This is the heart of the gospel, its essence, which meets our need. As the Savior and Lord, Jesus died in our place, paying the penalty for our sins. But He did not just die. He rose from the dead and is alive today, reigning as the Lord of all. “God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8, ESV).

Our response

As we understand who Jesus is and what He has done for us, we realize there is nothing we could do on our own to earn or merit salvation from our sin and its consequences. Jesus Christ has done it all. So now we can receive Him into our lives through faith (John 1:12). Paul describes this as the gift of God’s grace: “By grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8–9, ESV).

Has Christ entered your life, forgiven your sin, given you eternal life and begun changing you into the kind of person you were meant to be? Perhaps you haven’t yet made this change of course in your life journey. If not, you can receive Christ right now by faith through prayer.

In your own words, honestly admit to God that you have sinned and fallen short. Thank God that Jesus died in your place, paying the penalty for your sin, and now lives to be your Savior and Lord. Ask Jesus to enter your life, forgive your sin and begin changing you into the person He wants you to be. As an expression of your faith, thank Him for answering your prayer.