Marks of a Healthy Church

Part 3: The Gospel | Sermon outline based on the PowerPoint and speaker notes

I. What Is the Good News? (Slides 1-2)

- The word **Gospel** means “good news” or “glad tidings.”
- Distinguish false ideas of good news from the biblical Gospel.

II. The “Not So True” Good News (Slide 3)

- **Claim: “We are all going to be fine.”** The notes respond: “We are not OK.”
  - Psalm 14:1-3 - No one does good; humanity has turned aside.
  - Romans 3:23 - All have sinned and fall short of God’s glory.
  - “Corinthians 5:10” - All must appear before Christ’s judgment seat (reference appears incomplete in original notes).
- **Claim: “Jesus wants to be our friend.”** His mission is far greater: He came to be our substitute.
  - Mark 10:45 - The Son of Man gave His life as a ransom for many.
  - Mark 8:31 - Jesus foretold His suffering, death, and resurrection.

III. What Christ’s Death Accomplished (Slide 4)

- **Economic language: Redeemed.** 1 Peter 1:18-19 - Redeemed by the precious blood of Christ.
- **Relational language: Reconciled.** Romans 5:10 - Reconciled to God through His Son’s death.
- **Legal language: Justified.** Romans 3:23-25 - Justified by grace through Christ.
- **Military language: Overcome.** Colossians 2:15; Revelation 12:11 - Christ’s triumph and victory through the blood of the Lamb.

IV. Jesus: The Really Good News (Slide 5)

- **God’s standard is met:** Holy perfection.
- **God’s wrath is satisfied:** Propitiation.
- **God’s offer is made:** Repent and believe.
- **A response is required.**
  - Repentance means recognizing our guilt and need for grace - not merely seeking to avoid hell.
  - Salvation cannot be earned or deserved; faith rests completely in Christ’s finished work.
  - Trust His death and resurrection; receive Jesus as Lord, Master, Savior, and King.

V. A Response Is Required (Slide 6)

- **Dead in your sins:** Repent, believe, surrender.
- **Alive by grace:** Surrender, serve, proclaim.

VI. The Gospel of Jesus the Christ (Slide 7)

- Jesus died on the cross to atone for the sins of those who **repent** (turn from sin) and **believe** (trust in His death and resurrection).

- Jesus is the only way to peace with God and eternal life with Him in glory.
- **Our response:** Believe it. Trust it. Proclaim it.
- A healthy church has the Gospel as its cornerstone; everything it does should align with proclaiming the Gospel - for God's praise and glory.

Source note: *This outline condenses the original slides and speaker notes. The original notes appear to contain a Scripture-reference typo ("1 Peter 1:118-19"); the outline uses 1 Peter 1:18-19 based on the quoted passage. The incomplete "Corinthians 5:10" reference is left identified as such.*