

The Good News

Easter is all about the Gospel. How can the depravity of human nature be reconciled to a holy God? How can I gain His approval for eternity? The Gospel answers those questions.

Q5: What is the role of baptism in the forgiveness of sins?

If you scratch my back, I will scratch yours! Think about that phrase and how it could apply to God. He created the universe from nothing. What could we possibly offer to The One that has it all? What could we do for The One who speaks and creates light or who can use His mere voice to calm a storm? NOTHING!

Baptism is an important part of our faith walk, but in and of itself, it does not cause or do anything. Think about the insincere apology between two siblings forced by a parent to offer a mumbled “sorry...” following some wrong. Without sincerity, there is no restoration of the relationship. Baptism without sincere faith is the same and sincere faith is the key!

Luke 23:40-43

In this passage Jesus interacts with the thief on the cross. Note that his access to forgiveness was not based upon baptism. The thief’s life would end on the cross with no opportunity to be baptized. His access to forgiveness was secured through sincere acceptance of Christ!

Q6: What is the Gospel?

How would you communicate the Gospel in 25 words or less? Could you do it? If someone asked you to speak with their loved one would you be able to communicate the most important message of life?

1Corinthians 15

In this passage Paul describes the Gospel as the most important thing. People who are facing death and are coming to grips with their own mortality understand this very well. He stresses **two critical parts of the Gospel**.

- 1. The Substitutionary Death of Jesus (vv.1-4).** The long-awaited Messiah really died. The only reason He died was “for our sins.” No one took His life, He gave it up willingly. He died in our place.
- 2. The Resurrection of Jesus (vv.4-8).** The resurrection is a critical part of the Gospel because it proves that Jesus was a capable and worthy sacrifice. Jesus was God. Only God has power over death; the proof is in the resurrection.

The Gospel in 25 Words – The wrong things we do separate us from God. Jesus Christ died, taking our punishment, and rose again proving He is God. Trust in Him.

Family Night Big Idea

During this series we are going to provide you with a link to a series of videos designed to help you teach the meaning of Easter to your children (www.gracestatesboro.com, our app (Search GCCStatesboro) and our Facebook).

[The Bedbug Bible Gang: Easter Party!](#) (Also available on RightNow Media)

[5-Minute Family Devotional—Easter Week](#) (Also available on RightNow Media)

Velocity (Middle and High School Students)

Velocity: Velocity this Wednesday, April 19th.

Gravity: Students stay and enjoy “Good Questions”.

Today’s Songs

God’s Not Dead.....Newsboys

Jesus Paid it All.....Kristian Stanfill

Our God.....Chris Tomlin

Amazing GraceChris Tomlin

Graduate Recognition

Sunday, May 7 in both services. If you are a graduate, contact Tyler at 912-230-5681.

Summer Camp Volunteers

We are assembling our team of workers for Summer Camp 2023. Dates are June 12th-16th. We need you! Fill out the form in the Lobby if you can help.

SubSplash

Messages will no longer be by text. Instead, you will get notifications on the app. Go to App Store or Play Store and type in “gccstatesboro” and look for GCC Logo.

Baby Dedication Service

May 14th. Sign up in the Lobby. Be specific about which service you want to attend and take an Information Sheet.