

The Doctrine of the Gospel

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Galatians 2, 3.

B. Other passages of Scripture that clearly express the gospel to us: 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Romans 3:19-26, Isaiah 53.

II. The good news is that we have been freed from the curse of the law through Jesus who took the curse upon himself. (Galatians 3:10)

III. Key gospel words.

A. Justified.

1. God counted us righteous through Jesus' righteousness.
2. God credited our sin to Jesus and his righteousness to us.

B. Faith.

1. It has an object: Jesus Christ died for your sins.
2. It involves belief in the truth.
3. It involves renunciation of confidence in one's own goodness.

IV. Justification is a point in time event that happened in the past and also a present reality. (Romans 5:1)

A. We need to reaffirm the gospel to ourselves every day.

B. We stand before God and are accepted through Jesus alone.

V. We died to the dominion of sin. (Galatians 5:17; Romans 8:7-8; 7:22-23)

VI. The love of God in forgiving us ought to motivate us to battle sin. (2 Corinthians 5:14)

VII. We have become heirs of God.

Application questions:

1. What is the gospel?

2. How does the gospel as presented by Paul in 2 Timothy 2:8 compare to the gospel presented by the speaker? Explain any differences.

3. How would you share the good news to someone who has never heard it? Explain.
