

## THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

### *John 3:16*

- I. The Existence of God. “For **God** so loved...”
  - A. Without God, there is no gospel, there is no good news.
  - B. Without believing in God – one cannot be saved, Heb. 11:6, “*And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*”
  - C. The gospel begins with God.
  
- II. The Love of God. “For God **so loved**...”
  - A. It is not enough just to know that God exists.
  - B. Must know that He loves us – loves all of mankind – loves you and me.
  - C. Salvation is not provided because of us and our goodness – but because of the love of God.
  - D. How much love? He gave His only Son. Romans 5:8, “*But God demonstrated His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*”
  
- III. The Gospel is Universal. “For God so loved **the world**...”
  - A. God loves all mankind – all the people of the world.
  - B. Children’s song – Jesus loves the little children.
  - C. 2 Peter 3:9, “*...not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.*”
  
- IV. Christ the Only Way to Salvation. “...He gave His **only begotten Son**...”
  - A. John 14:6, “*I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father but through Me.*”
  - B. Acts 4:12 – “*And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.*”
  
- V. The Deity of Christ. “...He gave His only begotten **Son**...”
  - A. Christ was, and is, the Son of God.
    1. Peter – Mt. 16:16, “*You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.*”
    2. Thomas – John 20:28, “*My Lord and my God!*”
  - B. No way to be saved unless one is willing to accept and confess their faith, Mark 16:16. “*He who has believed and is baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.*”
  
- VI. Necessity of Faith. “...whoever **believes in Him** shall not perish...”
  - A. Example of believing faith.
    1. Gal. 3:26, “*For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus.*”
    2. Romans 5:1, “*Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*”
  - B. Obedient faith. Jn. 14:15, “*If you love Me, keep My commandments.*”

VII. Reality of Condemnation. “...*whoever believes in Him shall **not perish**...*”

A. John 3:17, “*For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.*”

1. The world was already condemned.

2. Jesus was sent to save.

B. Condemned because of sin – Rom. 3:23; 6:23.

1. Rom. 3:23, “...*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,...*”

2. Rom. 6:23, “*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus.*”

VIII. Promise of Eternal Reward. “...*but have **eternal life**.*”

A. They shall have eternal life.

B. Eternal life with God!