

Grace Notes

October 2022

What is the Gospel?
By Ruling Elder Cleve Chandler

Is it a person, is it the Bible, is it the teachings of Jesus? Is it what Jesus calls himself?

In one sense, the whole Bible is the Gospel and anyone can find examples of all the questions above in the Bible.

If one passage was used to explain the gospel and claim to be the gospel, it would be 1 Corinthians 15: 1-4. Paul wrote to the believers in Christ, reminding them of the gospel message Paul shared with them. (This Corinthian passage contains the word “gospel”) and Paul claimed that what he was about to remind them of in his letter to them that the gospel was the absolute truth about the person of Christ. In other words, these statements are “no lie” but are nonnegotiable, undisputed, unequivocal “truth” about Jesus Christ. Jesus stated about himself “I am the way, the TRUTH and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” John 14:6

What does Paul remind the Corinthians of being the gospel, the truth? Paul states in essence of V1 & 2 of 1 Corinthians 15 “that you received this truthful message about Jesus making it your own story. You stand by it and your eternal life, your salvation has been a guarantee.” In V3-5, Paul states (by paraphrase) “What I told you about was what Jesus, the Redeemer told me, that he died for our sins, that is found in the Word of God, that he was buried and that he was raised from death on the third day and Jesus showed himself alive to Cephas, (Peter) then to his 12 closest disciples then to others, proving His Resurrection.”

After this gospel of Jesus, comes more truth of the results of His work, the gospel of the saving work of Christ for sinners like us.

Only two will be highlighted in this writing—justification and sanctification.

The Westminster Shorter Catechism Q33 states the answer to “what is justification?” Justification is an act of God’s free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us and received by faith alone. Romans 3:24 “being justified freely by his grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

Q35 What is Sanctification? Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness. Dr. Guy Waters of Reformed Seminary states “Justification addresses the guilt of our sin, sanctification addresses the dominion and corruption of sin in our lives.” To renew and transform our entire being. Romans 6: 1-23

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To the readers of Scripture—this is fabulously good news - gospel- taking it to the bank with guarantee news.

What do you believe of the gospel? You carry it, you read it, let us shape our lives around God's gospel without hesitation for His truth, His gospel is now, ours.

ACROSS

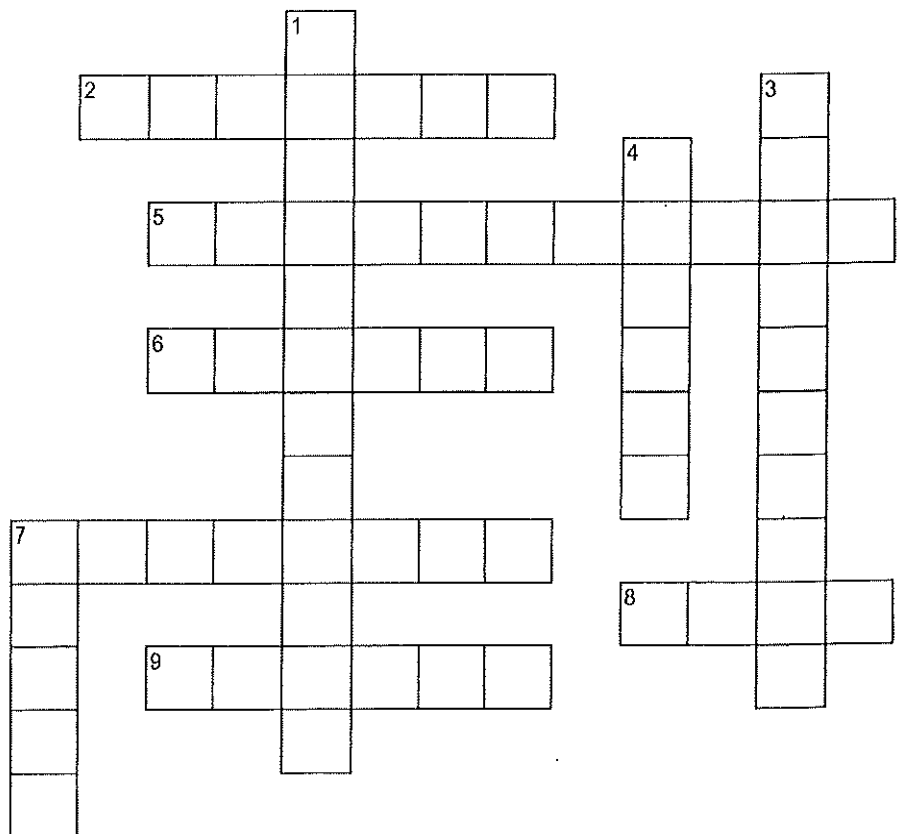
- 2. _____ and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.
- 5. Blessed are the _____, for they will see God.
- 6. Blessed are those who _____ after righteousness.
- 7. Blessed are the _____, for they will receive mercy.
- 8. Blessed are the _____, for they will inherit the earth.
- 9. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be filled.

BEATITUDES

Fill in the blanks below to complete the crossword. Answers are based on Matthew 5:1-13, New International Version.

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- 1. Blessed are the _____, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- 3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
- 4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
- 7. Blessed are those who _____, for they will be comforted.



Blessed
are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

The Lord's Supper



Grace PCA will observe the sacrament of Holy Communion during the morning worship service, Sunday, October 2, 2022.

Everyone should spend time during the week preparing your hearts and minds to partake in this sacrament.

Praying for our Nation...

Every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

Our group of prayer warriors meets in the sanctuary for the sole purpose of praying for our nation. If you cannot attend, please join us in prayer from your home or office during that time as we follow the command to pray for all those in authority.

"First of all then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way."

(I Timothy 2: 1-2)



Please pray for the following physical concerns and spiritual needs of each, individual.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you."
Jeremiah 29: 12

Pennies for Missions

Just a reminder that the WIC is still collecting pennies for our missionaries! If you have any spare change that you've been looking to get rid of, feel free to drop it in the container in the Foyer or in the Sunday School Rooms.

The money will be used to help the missionaries that Grace Presbyterian Church supports.



Bible Study

DATE: EVERY WEDNESDAY

TIME: 10:30

Where: Fellowship Hall

Don & Dana Andries will be teaching from the book

"Survey of The New Testament"

By

Jack B. Scott, Ph.D.

Grace Presbyterian Church Website

www.gracepresbyterianbr.church



WIC Circle Meeting...

The Circle at Grace will be studying the book of James written by Mary Beth McGreevy. We are looking forward to seeing how this book of the Bible relates to each of us in our life today.

Please consider joining this group of ladies in our study, and the ministry we have at Grace. We have prayer, study, and fellowship every month.

We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. at Grace. We even love to invite friends to join us.

If you have any questions, please contact Marsha Allison.



The next **Session Meeting** will be
Monday,
October 10 at 5:00 p.m.

Please contact Jesse Arnold, Kit Bonvillian, Randy Borill, Cleve Chandler, Dana Andries, Don Andries prior to the meeting if you have items to bring to their attention.

Men of the Covenant

Thursday, October 6

All men of GPC are invited to the Men of the Covenant (first Thursday of each month, except for June through August).

We enjoy a nice meal around 7:00 p.m., but many of the men arrive around 6:30 to enjoy some good fellowship. Following the meal we will hear a devotion from the Word of God.

Men, please sign up in the foyer if you are planning to attend.

*“As iron sharpens iron,
so one person sharpens another.”*
Proverbs 27: 17

ChristianInquiry

A Blog About Topics and Views of
Interest to Christians

www.christianinquiry.com

This is a new blog from Gaylan McLin containing topics of interest, especially to Christians, and for sharing his views about those topics. Gaylan hopes that this blog will edify the readers and give glory to God.

Calendar of Activities for the Month

Session Meeting:	Monday, October 10, 5:00 p.m.
WIC Circle Meeting:	Tuesday, October 11, 10:00 am
Prayer for our Nation:	Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m.
Bible Study:	Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Baskets

Christmas?!....Already? The time of year that we celebrate the birth of Christ Jesus will be here before we know it!

In order to care for those in need and share a Tangible expression of Christ's love with them, Grace Presbyterian Church will be providing Christmas Baskets this year.

Please start thinking about those you know of who may be in need, or who may be able to use a little extra help in the upcoming holiday season.

Keep an eye out for announcements in November about what we will be collecting for this year's baskets!



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Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Romans 12: 2

October Birthdays



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CHRISTMAS CARD PROJECT

As a way of encouraging our men and women serving in the Armed Forces around the world, we will be partnering with the Blue Star Moms of Central again by sending Christmas Cards to our troops.

Beginning Sunday, September 25th through Sunday, October 30th.. Please write a greeting in one of the Christmas cards provided. Place the finished card in the decorated box on display, and we will take care of the rest! You may gladly fill out more than one card.

Remember, please do not seal the envelopes. There are lists of suggested things to say by the display; feel free to take one if you need it. In signing your card, if you wish, you may sign just your first name, or simply sign it "A Friend" or "A Friend in Baton Rouge, Louisiana."

What a great honor it is to have men and women serving our country and protecting Our freedom. Let's take the chance to encourage and thank them!

Please contact Mary Ann Bennett with any questions

