

SIMPLY GOSPEL... THE PATH OF JESUS

Mark 1:1–3

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. 2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, **3** the voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'

Gospel Is Simply the Good News of God's Kingdom

- Mark 1:14 Jesus came "proclaiming the gospel of God"
- Mark 1:15 we are told to repent and believe in the gospel
- Mark 13:10 It must be preached to all nations
- Luke 9:6 the disciples preached the gospel everywhere they went
- Acts 14:7 the disciples continued to preach the gospel after the resurrection
- Romans 1:16 the gospel is the power of God that leads to salvation
- 1 Cor. 1:17 Paul's assignment was preaching the gospel
- Gal 1:6-7 there is only one gospel of Jesus, but some want to distort it
- 2 Thess. 2:14 we are called through the gospel
- 1 Peter 4:17 the gospel requires our obedience

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE: GOD'S KINGDOM IS HERE

- Mark 1:15 (NLT) "The time promised by God has come at last!" he announced. "The Kingdom of God is near! <u>Repent</u> of your sins and <u>believe</u> the Good News!"
- Mark 1:15 (TPT) His message was this: "At last the fulfillment of the age has come! It is time for the realm of God's kingdom to be experienced in its fullness! Turn your lives back to God and put your trust in the hope-filled gospel!"
- John 3:3 (NLT) Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God."

The Gospel (Good News) is that the Kingdom of God has come and that the Kingdom is God's dynamic involvement, activity and ruling in the lives of people and that it comes through repentance and faith in Jesus Christ.

THE "SIMPLY GOSPEL" MESSAGE: GOD'S KINGDOM IS AVAILABLE TO MAN

- Matthew 4:17 (TPT) From that time on Jesus began to proclaim his message with these words: "Keep turning away from your sins and come back to God, for heaven's kingdom realm is now accessible."
- 1. EVERY BELIEVER HAS ACCESS TO THE KINGDOM
- 2. Access to the kingdom comes through repentance
- 3. KINGDOM OF GOD IS WHERE HE RULES AND REIGNS
- 4. KINGDOM OF GOD IS A SUPERNATURAL REALM YET OPERATES WITHIN THE NATURAL REALM AND IS A REALM OF GOD'S POWER AND FAVOR

THE "SIMPLY GOSPEL" MESSAGE OUR ASSIGNMENT: EXPANDING GOD'S KINGDOM

Matthew 10:7 And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

1. The Kingdom is expanded by *Proclaiming as we Go!*

a. "As we go": As we conduct our lives, we proclaim the Kingdom

2. WE ARE TO BE WITNESSES OF GOD'S KINGDOM IN THE EARTH AND IN OUR LIFEa. As we live life, GOD'S RULE AND REIGN IS OPERATING IN ALL WE DO

THE "SIMPLY GOSPEL" MESSAGE: POWER THE SUPERNATURAL INVADING THE NATURAL

- MATTHEW 10:8 (NLT) Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!
- Jn 14:12 "anyone who believes...Same works as Jesus"
- Matthew 8:16 (ESV) That evening they brought to him many who were oppressed by demons, and he cast out the spirits with a word ...
- Matthew 12:28 (ESV) But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.
- 1. HEAL SICK, RAISE DEAD, CURE DISEASES, CAST OUT DEMONS
- 2. The Gospel is announcement of God's Kingdom operating in the earth

THE "SIMPLY GOSPEL" MESSAGE: POWER

THE SUPERNATURAL INVADING THE NATURAL

Mark 16:15–18 (ESV)

15 And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover."

THE "SIMPLY GOSPEL" MESSAGE...SIMPLY LOVE GOD'S LOVE IN AND FOR US

- Matthew 22:37–40 (NLT) 37 Jesus replied, " 'You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments."
- **1.** LOVE GOD! HOW? WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL AND MIND; WITH ALL YOUR PASSION AND THOUGHTS.
- 2. LOVE OTHERS! HOW? JUST LIKE YOU LOVE YOURSELF

THE "SIMPLY GOSPEL" MESSAGE

- THE WHAT AND WHEN (MESSAGE): GOD'S KINGDOM IS ACCESSIBLE NOW
- **THE HOW : REPENT** OF **SINS** AND **BELIEVE** THE **MESSAGE**
- **The Where:** Share the Message **Everywhere** we Go
- THE WHY: LOVE FOR GOD AND MAN
- THE GOOD NEWS: GOD'S ACCESSIBLE MANIFESTED POWER
 - "M⊤ 10: 8 You must continually bring healing to lepers and to those who are sick, and make it your habit to break off the demonic presence from people, and raise the dead back to life. Freely you have received the power of the kingdom, so freely release it to others."

LUKE 4:18

THE "SIMPLY GOSPEL" MESSAGE

WE ARE ANOINTED TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL

Luke 4:18 (AMP)

18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon Me, because He has anointed Me [the Anointed One, the Messiah] to preach the good news (the Gospel) to the poor; He has sent Me to announce release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth as delivered those who are oppressed [who are downtrodden, bruised, crushed, and broken down by calamity],