

Calvary Chapel Discipleship Series
Bible Study #1

Believe in the Gospel

You may have heard the word “Gospel” before and never have known what it really meant. Perhaps you thought it referred merely to the first four books of the New Testament: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Maybe you thought it meant “positively true” because you heard it used in a saying like this: “It’s the gospel truth.”

Actually, the word “Gospel” means “Good News.” It is the good news about God’s love for us and the wonderful things He has done for us. Take out your Bible or New Testament, and we will see some of the great things it says about the Gospel.

Before we get into this study, turn to the front of your Bible. You will notice a Table of Contents listing the various books. Use this to find your way around the Bible until you become familiar with the locations of all the books. Also, you will notice that a notation is used something like this: Romans 1:16. This means: The book of Romans Chapter One, Verse Sixteen. Become familiar with what these notations mean. Finally, pray for understanding whenever you read God’s Word!

Okay, let’s start in and see what is said about the Gospel. Look up the Bible reference given, then write out the answer in your own words.

1. What does Romans 1:16 say that the Gospel is to everyone who believes?

That’s important, isn’t it?

Let’s take a look at the Gospel in four steps.

Step One - God’s Love

2. What is the one word in John 3:16 that describes the why God sent His son for you and me?

3. Look at John 10:10. Why did Jesus come?

Step Two - The Problem

Sin is doing things our way instead of God’s way. The Bible says that our sins have separated us from God. Some examples of sin are listed in Galatians 5:19-21.

4. Who has sinned? (Romans 3:23)

5. What is the result of these sins? (Romans 6:23)

Step Three - The Solution

God sent His Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and to conquer death by raising Him from the dead. Because of what Jesus did we can come to God and have a personal relationship with Him and receive all the good things He has for our lives.

6. What did Jesus go through to bring us to God (1 Peter 3:18)?

7. True or False (check one):

God loved us and did this for us because we were so good that we deserved it (Romans 5:8).

Why did you answer the way you did?

8. Is being saved from sins something that I work for or something God freely gives me?
Why? (Ephesians 2:8-9)

9. Is there any other way to the Father except through Jesus Christ?
(John 14:6)

Step Four - Receiving the Promise

Now that we know what God has done, we need to receive what God has to offer.

10. How does one become a child of God? (John 1:12)

11. What must we do to have Jesus come into our hearts? (Revelation 3:20)

What are Your Answers?

Do you know that God loves you? Will you admit that you have sinned? Do you realize that Jesus is the answer to your problems? Have you received Jesus into your heart as your personal Lord and Savior? If you have not received Him in your heart, you can do so just by asking Him in a prayer like this:

Dear Jesus, I confess that I have sinned against You, and I want to turn away from my sins and the lifestyle I am living, and I now want to live for You. I ask You to come and take control of my life and be my Lord and Savior. I believe that You were crucified, died, and buried, and that You rose again from the dead. Thank You Jesus for Your love, forgiveness, and Your free gift of eternal life.

Did you receive Jesus? If so, then God has forgiven you, made you His child, and come into your heart. He said that He would and His Word tells us that He can never lie.

12. Read I John 5: 11, 12. If you have received Jesus, God says that you now have something. What is it?

13. Briefly explain how you know you are a child of God and have eternal life:

14. How did you hear about this Bible study course?

- From a friend
- At church
- At a home fellowship group
- CCLouisa website
- Other

Contact Information:

Name:

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone: E-mail:

After you have completed this Bible study, please email this lesson to ediscipleship@calvarychapellouisa.org or mail it to us at the address below!

Calvary Chapel of Louisa
P. O. Box 103, Mineral, VA 22117
phone: 540.894.4006
www.calvarychapellouisa.org