

Sermon Title: The Foretelling of the Gospel

Sermon Text: Isaiah 61:1-2a/Luke 4:18-19

Sermon Purpose: To call the hearer to learn, practice and proclaim the Gospel truth.

Sermon Proposition: There are 4 criteria necessary for understanding the glad tidings of the Gospel.

Titles for the Gospel found in Scripture:

Dispensation of the Grace of God – **Eph. 3:2**

Gospel of peace – **Eph. 6:15**

Gospel of God – **Rom. 1:1; 1 Thess. 2:8; 1 Peter 4:17**

Gospel of Christ – **Rom. 1:9, 16; 2 Cor. 2:12; 1 Thess. 3:2**

Gospel of the Grace of God – **Acts 20:24**

Gospel of the kingdom – **Matt. 24:14**

Gospel of salvation – **Eph. 1:13**

Glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ – **2 Cor. 4:4**

Preaching of Jesus Christ – **Rom. 16:25**

Mystery of the Gospel – **Eph. 6:19**

Word of God – **1 Thess. 2:13**

Word of Christ – **Col. 3:16**

Word of Grace – **Acts 14:3; 20:32**

Word of Salvation – **Acts 13:26**

Word of Reconciliation – **2 Cor. 5:19**

Ministration of the Spirit – **2 Cor. 3:8**

Doctrine according to Godliness – **1 Tim. 6:3**

I. Why the need for the Gospel? (1 Cor. 15:12-45)

A. People apart from Christ are lost. (**Luke 15**)

B. People apart from Christ are dead in sins.

Ephesians 2:1 And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

C. People apart from Christ are under sin.

Romans 3:9 What then? Are we better *than they*? Not at all. For we have previously charged both Jews and Greeks that they are all under sin.

D. People apart from Christ are under condemnation.

John 3:18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

The gospel is critical because people apart from Christ are dead in sins and trespasses, they are lost. They are drowning in a riptide of sin that will yank them into the abyss of hell for all eternity, they are starving to death for food (the bread of life) they can not make for themselves, they are thirsty for water to quench a thirst deep in the soul, and they are void of true purpose, significance, and meaning – unless they meet the One who is the lifeline for all mankind: The Lord Jesus Christ.

The noun form for gospel is euangelion and it is found seventy-six times in the New Testament. It can be translated “gospel”, good “news”, “glad tidings”, or “evangel.” It emphasizes not just any good news but a specific message. Our primary message is the specific news that Jesus died and rose again.

But the good news must be seen in light of the bad news. There are two essential problems that confront every person: sin and death and on the cross Jesus dealt with sin, by the resurrection He dealt with death.

“The theme of redemption is the melody of the Word of God.”

II. Why the need for a Savior? (Genesis 3:9, 15)

The book of Genesis demonstrates our need for a Savior.

- A. The expression "he shall bruise your head" shows the grace of God in that the Heavenly Father gave a promise to Eve that her seed would triumph.
- B. The same promise and phrase initiates the promise of the ultimate defeat of Satan, remembering that one of the reasons for Jesus' incarnation was to "destroy the works of the devil."
(1 John 3:8; Col. 1; 1 Cor. 15)
- C. Salvation comes through a mediator. The mediator will be directly related to humanity, being the "seed of the woman."
- D. This salvation comes through the suffering of the seed of woman, whose heel would be bruised.
- E. Salvation is available to the whole human race, for Eve is the mother of all the living.

In (1 Corinthians 15:44) It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. 45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being¹." The last Adam *became* a life-giving spirit.) Paul went to the book of Genesis and its account of Adam and the Fall. In other words, one cannot really understand nor receive the true gospel, the good news in the New Testament of Jesus' death and resurrection, and the payment for sin, until one understands the bad news in Genesis of the Fall of man, and thus the origin of sin and its penalty of death. (Rom. 5:12)

- F. Paul also points out clearly that our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, is the Creator.
Colossians 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood¹, the forgiveness of sins. 15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. 17 And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.
Revelation 4:11 "You are worthy, O Lord¹, To receive glory and honor and power; For You created all things, And by Your will they exist² and were created."
Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

III. The need for response to the Gospel. (Luke 9:23-26)

- A. There must be the response of denial by repentance.
- B. There must be the response of death by believing.
- C. There must be the response of dedication by submitting.

Luke 13:22 And He went through the cities and villages, teaching, and journeying toward Jerusalem. 23 Then one said to Him, "Lord, are there few who are saved?" And He said to them, 24 "Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.

Matthew 7:13 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. 14 "Because¹ narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

John 10:9 "I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

1 Timothy 2:5 For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus,

Acts 4:12 "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

IV. The danger of not responding to the Gospel. (Luke 14:25-30; Rev. 20:11-15)