

IT'S THAT GOOD!

The Power to Save us WEEK ONE

The message of Jesus and His kingdom is good news for those who can't have enough and those who can't be enough.

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

Matthew 13:44-46 (NIV)

- **When Jesus rose from the dead, all types of people would give their life for that which Jesus gave His.**
- **The message of Jesus and His kingdom is good news that brings great joy to all who discover it.**

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."

Romans 1:16-17 (NIV)

SERIES BIG IDEA:

The gospel is the power of God to save and transform all who know it, trust in it, and share it.

The good news of Jesus is how God reveals the way to be right with Him through faith in Who Jesus is and what Jesus has done for us.

To know and trust the Gospel is to trust in the Power of God to save us.

The bad news is that all creation is broken under the powerful curse of sin.

The Good News of Jesus is:

- **Jesus lived the perfect life I couldn't live.**
- **Jesus died to pay the penalty I couldn't pay.**
- **Jesus came back to life to give life to all who trust in and follow Him.**

The gospel is God's power that is eternally saving us by continually transforming us to restore us into who God created us to be.

Four phases of God's saving work for us and in us:

1. Justification

Romans 3:22-26

In Jesus, I am just as if I've never sinned. I am made perfect because Jesus lived perfectly and died for my sin's penalty.

2. Sanctification

2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 12:1-2; Romans 15:16

The Holy Spirit lives in me and is continually transforming me to become like Jesus and follow His truth.

3. Glorification

1 Corinthians 15:40, 42-44, 49-58

IT'S THAT GOOD!

The Power to Save us WEEK ONE

The suffering our bodies experience will be exchanged one day with a glorified body, and we will be with Jesus forever.

4. Restoration

Revelation 21:1-5

Jesus will restore all things including my soul, my body, and this earth so that we can enjoy God together, forever.

MY NOTES



TEACHING SUMMARY:

The gospel is absurd and the life of Jesus is meaningless unless we believe that He lived, died, and rose again with but one purpose in mind: to make brand-new creation. Not to make people with better morals but to create a community of prophets and professional lovers, men and women who would surrender to the mystery of the fire of the Spirit that burns within, who would live in ever greater fidelity to the omnipresent Word of God, who would enter into the center of it all, the very heart and mystery of Christ, into the center of the flame that consumes, purifies, and sets everything aglow with peace, joy, boldness, and extravagant, furious love. ~ Brennan Manning

We must know the Gospel. Not a gospel of cheap grace but one of costly grace. Costly because it cost Jesus His life but grace because it made a way for us to be made new and brought into true life.

Do you believe in the true Gospel, the Gospel of sacrifice, the Gospel of unashamed love, the Gospel that is the most costly free gift ever given?

TALK IT OVER:

What phase of the Gospel message about God's saving work is the most encouraging to you? Which phase is the most difficult to understand?

What does it mean to you that God not only saves you but the Holy Spirit also transforms you?

How has this made you more confident in your ability to share the Gospel, should someone ask you about your faith?

What is one next step you can take based on today's teaching? How can we be praying for you?

FURTHER READING:

Day 1 - Romans 1:15-17

Day 2 - Galatians 2:16

Day 3 - Romans 6:8-14

Day 4 - 2 Corinthians 5:1-5

Day 5 - Revelation 22:1-3

Day 6 - Hebrews 10:1-1