

## Sermon: Spit First: The Light of the Gospel

### I. What the gospel is not...

- a. The gospel is not just for unbelievers
- b. The gospel is not a set of commands
- c. The gospel is not a socio-economic program, i.e. “the social gospel”

Definition: The gospel is the good news that God, through the person and work of Jesus Christ, has done all that is needed to be done to reconcile rebellious sinners to Himself and to full restore His Kingdom on earth for His glory and our Joy

### II. Unpacking the Definition: The “spit” of the gospel (1 Cor 15:1-4)

- a. The gospel is good news (Mark 8:35, Mark 10:29-30, Acts 20:24, Gal 1:6-9)
- b. The gospel centers on the person and work of Christ (Romans 5:8)
- c. At the heart of the gospel is all HE HAS DONE (Eph 2:8, Titus 3:5)
- d. All HE has done to reconcile sinners (Romans 5:10, Eph 2:14)
- e. All He has done....AND to fully restore His Kingdom on Earth (Matt 3:2; 4:23; 24:14, Rev 21:1-8)

### III. The integrated story: Global Kingdom and personal salvation

- a. God... is the creator of all (Gen 1:1) and worthy of worship (1 John 1:5, Rev 4:11, Romans 2:5-8)
- b. Man...is sinful by nature and in rebellion and worthy of His wrath (Ps. 51:5, Romans 3:23)
- c. Jesus...The unique God-Man of history lived a sinless life, died on the cross to bear God’s wrath...took our place, and became our substitute for all who would believe in Him, and rose from the dead, conquering sin and providing the way into his already and eternal presence, HIS glorious Kingdom (John 1:1; 1 Tim 2:5, Hebrew 7:26, Rom 3:21-26, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 Cor 15:20-22)
- d. RESPONSE...Repent of sin and trust in Christ in order to be saved (Mark 1:15, Acts 20:21, Rom 10:9-10)

### IV. What THE IMPLICATIONS OF SALVATION ARE...

- a. FROM...His wrath
- b. FROM...our rule to His rule
- c. TO...a community
- d. FOR...a mission

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