

1. Definition:

gospel – #2098 εὐαγγέλιον – *euangheleon*  
= glad tidings, good news

2. Our predicament (the bad news): (Rom. 1-3)

- we are all accountable to God, our Creator and face His judgment
- we have all rebelled and sinned against the holy God who will judge us
- we are totally without any excuse or any hope of salvation
- we all deserve His righteous wrath and must pay the penalty of our sin – death and hell

3. Our only hope: "the gospel" = the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes (Rom. 1:16)

4. The GOSPEL is a message, a doctrine:

**THE GOSPEL**

According to the Scriptures:

- \* Christ died for our sins
- \* He was buried
- \* He was raised on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day
- \* He appeared to many

This is the gospel: it is of first importance!

- that must be received
- in which the children of God stand
- by which they are saved
- that Paul preached (1 Cor. 15:1-8)

5. It is good news:

- of great joy (Lk. 2:10)
- of the promise made to the fathers (Acts 13:32)

6. It is called the gospel:

- of the kingdom of God (Matt. 4:23)
- of Christ (2 Cor. 2:12)
- of Jesus Christ, the Son of God (Mk. 1:1; Ro. 1:9)
- of the glory of Christ (2 Cor. 4:4)
- of God (Mk. 1:14)
- of the name of Jesus Christ (Acts 8:12)
- of the grace of God (Acts 20:24)
- of the message (word) of truth (Eph. 1:13; Col. 1:5)
- of peace (Eph 6:15)
- the glorious gospel of the blessed God (1 Ti. 1:11)

7. It is a message that is:

- proclaimed (Mt. 4:23; 9:35)
- preached (Mk. 13:10)
- spoken (Acts 8:25)
- solemnly testified of (Acts 20:24)
- ministered as a priest (Rom. 15:16)
- boldly made known (Eph. 6:19)
- entrusted (Gal. 2:7; 1 Th. 2:4)
- participated in by believers (Phil. 1:5)

8. It is a message that must be:

- heard (Acts 15:7)
- and united with faith (Heb. 4:2)
- believed (Mk 1:15)
- heeded (Rom. 10:16)
- accepted (2 Cor. 11:4)
- obeyed (2 Th. 1:8; Heb. 4:6)

9. The true gospel

- is not according to man
- was not received from man
- was not taught by man (to Paul)
- was directly revealed to Paul by Jesus Christ (Gal. 1:11,12)

10. It is a precious treasure! Therefore, it must be

- defended (Phil. 1:7, 16)
- confirmed (Phil 1:7)
- contended for (fought, struggled for) (Jude 3)
- retained (2 Tim. 1:13)
- guarded (2 Tim. 1:14; 1 Tim. 6:20)

11. and it must NOT be

- changed, distorted (Gal. 1:6-7)
- corrupted (2 Cor. 2:17)
- adulterated (2 Cor. 4:2)
- hindered (1 Cor. 9:12)

12. Any gospel other than the one true gospel is

- "another" gospel #2087 - *heteros*  
→ another of a different kind
- NOT "another" gospel #243 - *allos*  
→ another of the same kind

13. Anyone preaching a different gospel is to be accursed #331 - ANATHEMA

- doomed to destruction
- set up for the direst of woes (Gal. 1:6-10)