

**“What word(s) comes to mind
when you think of the gospel?”**

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Big Picture – The Gospel as a Story

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Big Picture:

The gospel is about a relationship twisted and broken by our wrong desires which God offers to restore by forgiving and changing us.

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Some Detail:

1. Relationship

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21 For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

Romans 1.18-25

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Some Detail:

1. Relationship

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, [a] neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, 39 neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.37-39

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1. Relationship

“God himself, revealed in the face of Christ, for our everlasting enjoyment, is the highest, best, final, decisive good that makes the gospel good news. You take it away, there’s no gospel.”

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...we have already made the charge that Jews and Gentiles alike are all under the power of sin.

Romans 3.9

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3. Restoration: a) need

What advantage, then, is there in being a Jew, or what value is there in circumcision? 2 Much in every way! First of all, the Jews have been entrusted with the very words of God.

3 What if some were unfaithful? Will their unfaithfulness nullify God's faithfulness? 4 Not at all! Let God be true, and every human being a liar. As it is written:

“So that you may be proved right when you speak and prevail when you judge.”[a]

5 But if our unrighteousness brings out God's righteousness more clearly, what shall we say? That God is unjust in bringing his wrath on us? (I am using a human argument.)

Some Detail:

3. Restoration: b) forgiveness

25 God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement,[a] through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—

Romans 3.25

Some Detail:

3. Restoration: b) forgiveness

17 For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last,[a] just as it is written:
“The righteous will live by faith.”[b]
Romans 1.17

21 But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. 22 This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.
Romans 3.21-22

5 However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.
Romans 4.5

Some Detail:

3. Restoration: b) forgiveness

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

Romans 3.23-24

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

Romans 5.1-2a

Some Detail:

3. Restoration: c) change

19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.

5.19

Some Detail:

3. Restoration: c) change

5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

5.5, c.f 6.13-14; 7.21-25

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3. Restoration: c) change

If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? 33 Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. 34 Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

8.31b-35a

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Gospel Posture:

- 1. 1.14-16**
- 2. 2.1; 3.27-30**
- 3. 7.21-25**
- 4. 8.15-16**
- 5. 8.29-39**

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What the gospel isn't

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