

## The Source and Content of the Gospel

Introduction: Christians are familiar with the term “Gospel.” It is quite often used by them to refer to the message of salvation God has provided for sinful people through Jesus Christ. It is considered appropriate to ask someone, “Have you believed the Gospel?”

But how does the Bible use the word Gospel? There are 55 uses of the Greek verb *euangelizo* [to announce the good news] and 77 uses of the noun *euangelion* [good news]. A study of these words forms the basis of this sermon.

- 1) God is the only source of the Good News
  - a) Positively
    - i) God the Father is the author—Romans 1:1; 15:16; 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 2:2, 8-9
    - ii) God the Son is the author—2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 2:12; 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 3:2
  - b) Negatively: People are not the source—Galatians 1:11
  
- 2) God is the main content of the Good News
  - a) Good news concerning **God the Father**—2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:7; 1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:11; 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4:17
    - i) God’s kingdom—Matthew 4:23; 9:35; 24:14; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 4:43; 8:1; 16:16; Acts 8:12
    - ii) God’s grace—Acts 20:24
    - iii) God’s promise made to the fathers of a Savior through David’s seed—Acts 13:32
    - iv) God’s glory—1<sup>st</sup> Timothy 1:11
    - v) God’s word (two different Greek words are used)
      - (1) Logos—Acts 8:4; 15:35; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:2; Colossians 1:5
      - (2) Rhema—1<sup>st</sup> Peter 1:25
    - vi) God’s judgment—Luke 3:17-18
  
  - b) Good news concerning **God the Son**—Mark 1:1; Acts 5:42; 8:12, 35; 11:20; 17:18; Romans 1:9, 16; 15:19, 29; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 9:12, 18; 15:1-8; 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:4; 9:13; 10:14; Galatians 1:7, 12, 16; Ephesians 3:8; Philippians 1:27; 1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 3:2; 2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1:8
    - i) Great joy associated with Christ’s birth—Luke 2:10
    - ii) Jesus is the Messiah—Acts 5:42
    - iii) Jesus as the way of peace—Acts 10:36; Ephesians 2:17;
    - iv) Christ’s unsearchable riches—Ephesians 3:8
    - v) Christ’s resurrection—Acts 17:18; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:8
    - vi) Christ’s death and resurrection—1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:
    - vii) Christ’s glory—2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:4

- c) There is a perverted, false Good News in competition with the genuine Good News
  - i) 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:4; Galatians 1:6-9
- 3) Summaries:
  - a) Quotes from Jim Odens and John Piper
- 4) **Take-home truth:** We must let God determine the content of the Gospel we share with others.