

Foundations I, Part 3: The Gospel Study Guide

Gospel: Literally the “Good News” that presupposes the bad news of our sin

What Jesus Christ did:

1 Peter 3:18, *“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit.”*

1. Jesus suffered for sins
2. The righteous for the unrighteous
3. Christ died "once for all"
4. To bring us to God

Key Terms:

Salvation: to be rescued. 1 Thessalonians 1:10

Redemption: to be bought back. Romans 3:23-24

Atonement: to be made right with another. 2 Corinthians 5:21

What we must do: God requires of us faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and repentance.

What is faith in Jesus Christ?

Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace by which we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is freely offered to us in the gospel.

Ephesians 2:1–10, Philippians 3:3–11

2 Timothy 1:12

“But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that day what has been entrusted to me.”

Saving Faith Is...

Personal: “I”

Rational: “know”

Emotional: “persuaded”

Volitional: “trust/entrusted”

Directional: “whom”

What is repentance unto life?

Repentance leading to life is a saving grace, by which a sinner having truly realized his sin and grasped the mercy of God in Christ, turns from his sin with grief and hatred and turns to God with full resolve and effort after new obedience.

Acts 11:18, Psalm 51:1–4, 2 Corinthians 7:10

Charles Spurgeon writes:

Repentance is a discovery of the evil of sin, a mourning that we have committed it, a resolution to forsake it. It is, in fact, a change of mind of a very deep and practical character, which makes the man love what once he hated, and hate what once he loved.

J. I. Packer writes:

Repentance means turning from as much as you know of your sin to give as much as you know of yourself to as much as you know of your God, and as our knowledge grows at these three points so our practice of repentance has to be enlarged.

Repentance involves:

- 1. Fully Acknowledge the Weight of Your Sin.**
- 2. Boldly Claim the Promises of Grace.**
- 3. Other People as Appropriate.**

Faith and Repentance go together

What is justification?

Justification is an act of God's free grace in which he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight for the sake of the righteousness of Christ alone, which is credited to us and received by faith alone.

Romans 3:9–28

The removal of sin. Romans 3:10-12

The granting of Jesus' perfect record (righteousness) Romans 3:20-21

Received by faith alone. Romans 3:22-24

What is adoption?

Adoption is an act of God's free grace by which we are received into the number and have a right to all the privileges of the sons of God.

John 1:12–13, 1 John 3:1

Those privileges include:

Have God's name put upon them. John 1:12

Receive the Spirit of adoption. Romans 8:15

Have access to the throne of grace with boldness.

Are enabled to cry, Abba, Father. Galatians 4:6

Are pitied. Psalm 103:13

Protected. Proverbs 14:26

Provided for. Matthew 6:30, 32

Disciplined by God as by a Father. Hebrews 12:6

Yet never cast off. Lamentations 3:31

Sealed to the day of redemption. Ephesians 4:30

Inherit the promises, as heirs of everlasting salvation. Hebrews 6:12